



Be Encouraged; The Rapture is Coming

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

I. The _____ is not _____ for the believer.

A. Hope replaces _____. v. 13

B. Christ has _____. v. 14

II. Christ is coming to _____!

A. Christ will _____. v. 16

B. The _____ in Christ will _____. v. 16

C. The _____ believer will be _____. v. 17

III. Christians ought to _____.

A. Encourage because there is going to be _____.

B. Encouraged because we will be with the _____.

Key Thought: Whether we Christians live or die, we have nothing to _____ because Jesus will come either _____!

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5. Who will accompany Christ when he comes at the time of the Rapture? (v.14) What does that reveal to you about Christians who have died?
6. What truth does 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 add to the event of the rapture?
7. When will the Rapture happen? Can we set a date? (1 Thessalonians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 15:52)
8. In what ways are you encouraged by the events of the Rapture?

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1. Why does Paul exhort us not to grieve for Christians who have died? (v. 14) Does he really mean we are not to grieve? Read verse 13 carefully. What role should mourning have in the believer's life?
2. Why do you think Paul uses the word "sleep" to describe the believer who has died?
3. What do the following verses tell us about death for those who are followers of Christ? (2 Corinthians 5:1-9; Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:10)
4. Where does 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 tell us that Christ returns to? Will he set foot on earth? How do you support your answer?