

Message Notes

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*People of Hope
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
Life After Life After Death
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- ◆ Even in _____, Jesus offers encouragement and hope.
- ◆ Paul's main _____: fate of believers who died before Jesus returns.

Death, Grief and Hope

Now we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest who have no hope. 1 Thess. 4:13 (NET)

- ◆ _____ is a euphemism for death – _____. Mt. 9:24, 27:52; Jn. 11:11-14; Acts. 7:60; 1 Cor. 15:6, 18, 20, 51.
- ◆ Christian hope does _____ ignore pain and grief. John 11

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. 1 Thess. 4:14

- ◆ The _____ of our hope is the death and resurrection of Jesus. 1 Cor. 15:12-19
- ◆ Because Jesus _____ from the dead, His followers will _____. 1 Cor. 6:14, 15:20-21; 2 Cor. 4:14
- ◆ Upon death, our _____ sleep and our _____ is in the presence of Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:8
- ◆ We will all face _____ based on our faith in Jesus. Heb. 9:27
- ◆ _____ heaven is the place _____ death and resurrection – it is not our final destination. Luke 16:19-31, 23:42-43; Acts 7:55-60; Phil. 1:20-24; Rev. 6:9-11
- ◆ Our final destination is _____ after _____ after _____. (NT Wright)

Order of Events at Jesus 2nd Coming:

- ① Jesus will _____ from heaven. Parousia = _____. 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7
 - ② _____ will know Jesus is coming back. 1 Thess. 4:16; Is. 27:13; Num. 10:1-10; Joel 2:1; 1 Cor. 15:52
 - ③ Those who have _____ in the Lord will rise first. 1 Thess. 4:16; Is. 26:19; 1 Cor. 15:42-43; 1 Cor. 15:51-54
 - ④ The _____ believers will join the resurrected saints and meet them and the Lord in the air. 1 Thess. 4:17; Mt. 25:1-13 (part. verse 6); Acts 28:11-15 (part. verse 15)
- ◆ _____ = _____ of God. Ex. 13:21-22, 24:12, 15-16; Mt. 3:13-17; Lk. 9:28-36; Acts 1:9
 - ◆ “In the _____” indicates the complete _____ over sin, death & evil. Eph. 2:2
 - ◆ Harpazo (Latin – rapio/rapture) = _____ or snatched away. Acts 8:39; 2 Cor. 12:4; 1 Thess. 4:17
 - ◆ Apantesis = _____ an approaching dignitary and follow them back into the city. Mt. 25:6; Acts 28:15; 1 Thess. 4:17

Be Encouraged...

Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1 Thess. 4:18

- ◆ Our loved ones (in Christ) who have _____ are _____ Jesus.
- ◆ One day, _____ will be made _____.
- ◆ To live _____ lives now.

*Recommended Resources:
Heaven by Randy Alcorn
Surprised by Hope by NT Wright*