

## Living in Light of Christ's Return – Part 4

### 1. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- Ignorance is not bliss! It is confusion.
- "Asleep" =
- Sorrow in hope vs no hope.  
For us? Christ Himself is our hope. **John 11:26; 14:1-3, 6**

Note: When believers lose loved ones, believers \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow. **John 11:33-35**

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

- Believe based on the power of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_. **Vs 14**  
*Do you believe that Jesus rose from the grave?* **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

KEY: Belief in His resurrection is necessary for salvation. **Romans 10:8-11**

Did Jesus LITERALLY come back from the dead and come out of His grave?

Will His followers? **2 Corinthians 4:14; 15:22-23**

The resurrection from the dead is a biblical certainty! **Job 14:13-15; 19:23-27; Matthew 22:31-33**

KEY: In the big picture resurrection view, we will be part of one of \_\_\_\_\_ possible resurrections.  
**John 5:28-29; 6:40; Revelation 20:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58**

Those that sleep in Jesus (in faith) = the body is dead. **James 2:26**

The soul is with Jesus! **2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:20-24; 2 Corinthians 5:1**

**KEY: No believer ever dies alone. Why? God is with them! Psalm 23; Matthew 10:29**

- Believe based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of the Lord. **Vs 15**
- Notice the rapture \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Prevent" =  
The dead in Christ rise \_\_\_\_\_. **Vs 16-17**

***The overall order:***

1. Jesus comes back with believing saints. Vs 15. **Acts 1:11**

2. The Lord descends with declaration – described as 3 sounds.

**FIRST**, a shout. **John 11:43; Revelation 1:14; 4:1; John 5:28**

*What does He shout?* **Song of Songs 2:10-13; John 11:43; Revelation 4:1**

**SECOND**, the voice of the archangel = Michael? **Jude 9**

**THIRD**, the trump of God. **1 Corinthians 15:52; Revelation 4:1**

- Notice the rapture \_\_\_\_\_. Note the pronouns "WE."

This is called the doctrine of the \_\_\_\_\_ return of Jesus for His church.

This is an incredible event! **1 Corinthians 15:35-57; 1 John 3:1-3**

HOW? God designed and knew you before He ever formed you. **Psalm 139:16; 127:3**

### 3. Live in light of Christ's return. (next time?) Vs 18

- It's comfort because we know we never \_\_\_\_\_ a loved one in Christ.
- It's comfort to know we will not stay dead. Jesus' resurrection is proof of our future resurrection.
- It's comfort to know we do not suffer God's wrath. **1 Thess 5.**
- It's comfort to be confident to focus on our God given task. **1 Corinthians 15:58**