

Comfort in the Coming Christ
1Thessalonians 4:13-18

I. Introduction

II. Do you have hope in the Lord's return? vv. 13-15

- A. Paul clears up the confusion regarding those who have died. v. 13a (Jn. 11:11; 1 Cor. 15:6,18; Phil. 1:23-24)
- B. Don't grieve as the rest of the world grieves. v. 13b (1 Thess. 5:3, 2 Thess. 1:8-9, Matth. 7:23, Jn. 11:35, Rom. 12:15)
- C. If you believe in Christ's resurrection, then surely those asleep will be raised to life. v. 14-15 (Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 15, Matth. 24:30)

III. The Lord will come and gather all believers together, both dead and alive. vv. 16-17

- A. The Lord's coming will be glorious. (Ex. 19, Jn. 5:28-29, Jn. 11:43, 1 Cor. 15:20-23, Acts 1:11, Rev. 1:7)
- B. There is nothing secret about this event. vv. 16-17 (Ex. 19:16, 1 Cor. 15:52, 2 Cor. 12:2, Matth. 13, Acts 8:39, 1 Cor. 15:50-53, Matth. 25:6, Acts 28:15, 1 Thess. 4:17)
- C. This is the simplest explanation of the biblical texts concerning the Lord's coming. (1 Cor. 15:52, Matth. 24:31)

IV. Conclusion / Application