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## Lesson 12

### The Believer's Comfort

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

#### Day 1: Be Informed! Part 1 (v. 13)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. — 1 Thessalonians 4:13

1. What is Paul informing the brethren about in this verse?
2. What do you think the Thessalonians' fear was?
3. Who was Paul referring to when he talks about those who are asleep?
4. How should believers grieve for loved ones who die?

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5. Why do unbelievers have no hope?
6. What is the believer's hope grounded in? How does that change the way that we grieve?

## Day 2: The Resurrection (vs. 14-15)

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. — 1 Thessalonians 4:14-15

1. What is Paul asking with the word “if” in verse 14?
2. Christ's death paid for our sin. What is the significance of his resurrection?
3. Who will Christ bring with Him? How does this verse answer the fear of the Thessalonians?



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d. Hebrews 10:24-25

e. 1 John 2:28

f. Phil. 1:6

## Day 3: The Summons (v. 16)

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
— 1 Thessalonians 4:16

1. What three words accompany the Lord's descent? What do these signify?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What happens when He gives this divine summons?

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3. Who will be resurrected first?
4. Christ's resurrection necessitates our resurrection. How does this bring you hope in your current situation as well when grieving the death of a loved one? See John 14:19; 1 Corinthians 6:14 and 2 Corinthians 4:14.
5. How will those who die in Christ be joined to their body? See 1 Corinthians 15:12-49.

### Day 4: The Rapture (v. 17)

Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

— 1 Thessalonians 4:17

1. What event does Paul appear to be telling them to wait for?
2. Is this the only place in Scripture where Paul speaks to the rapture or being caught up? Cite verses.

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3. What happens after we are given resurrected bodies? See John 14:1-3; Revelation 19:7-10; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10.
4. Is Christ coming back to the earth in this verse?
5. What event has Christ returning to earth? See Revelation 20:2-7.
6. What does this verse tell us about our future relationship with Christ?

## **Day 5: The Comfort (v. 18)**

Therefore comfort one another with these words. — 1 Thessalonians 4:18

1. How should these words comfort us?







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c. Acts 7:60

d. 1 Corinthians 15:6-20, 51

e. 2 Peter 3:4

2. Where do those who have fallen asleep go?

a. Luke 23:43

b. Acts 7:59

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c. 2 Corinthians 5:8

d. Philippians 1:23

e. Revelation 6:9-11

3. Listen to Pastor Mike's Sunday School lesson on Matthew 13:  
<https://gracelife.ca/sermons/parables-the-ten-virgins/>

4. Listen to Pastor James' sermon, "In the Twinkling of an Eye":  
<https://gracelife.ca/sermons/in-the-twinkling-of-an-eye/>

5. Do a word study on *caught up* (harpazō).

