

Faith that Gives Us Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Faith in Jesus Gives us the Hope we need in the Darkest of Times

- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-15**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

In the darkness of our grief, we have hope in the Resurrected Christ!

When Christ rose from the grave He:

Defeated our adversary (1 Corinthians 15:55)

Demonstrated his deity (Romans 1:4)

Determined our destiny (1 Thes 4:16-17; 1 Corinth 15:49-51)

- **1 Thessalonians 5:1-3**

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

In the darkness of the End Times, we have hope in the Return of Christ.

When Christ returns we will receive:

Relief from all that is worldly (Rev 21:4)

Reunion with fallen family (1 Thess 4:16-17)

Renewed bodies for eternity (1 Corin 15:49)

- **1 Thessalonians 5:8-11**

⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

In the darkness of our sin, we have hope in redemption through Christ.

In Christ's redemption we have:

Forgiveness for sin (Colossians 1:13-14)

Filling of God's Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14)
Family of Supporters (Ephesians 2:19)