

Calvary Baptist Church
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Thessalonians, Part 6

The Blessed Hope

1 Thess. 4:13-18

1 _____ : Jesus is coming back. (vv. 13-14)

The _____ is when Jesus returns to call all Christians, living and dead, to Himself in the air and then return to heaven with Him.

And Jesus Himself has _____ clearly that He is coming back. (John 14:3)

2. _____ : The dead in Christ will rise first. (v. 15)

Paul is writing so that they will not be _____ by a lack of revelation.

But the Bible is clear that it is only the _____ that “sleeps.” The soul of the believer goes straight from life on earth to the presence of Jesus Christ.

Paul is also concerned that these believers not grieve their Christian dead as the world does, without _____.

Paul wants even the way we face death to be a _____ to the faith we have in Jesus Christ.

3. _____ : Living believers will be taken up as well. (vv. 16-17a)

There will be three distinct _____ at the Rapture.

- Jesus Himself will _____ to us.
- There will be the voice of an _____.
- The _____ of God will sound.

We who are _____ will be “caught up,” or raptured.

In my opinion, the Rapture will _____ the chaos and judgment of the tribulation period.

4. _____ : We will be together with Him forever. (v. 17b)

This will be a _____ meeting.

This will be an _____ meeting.

It will lead to a time of _____.