

- 1 Thess 4:13-5:11 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.



The Rapture

4:13-18

5:1-5 The Wrath of God

FOR YOU ARE FULLY
AWARE THAT THE DAY OF
THE LORD WILL COME LIKE
A THIEF IN THE NIGHT.
- *1 THESSALONIANS 5:2*

The watch

5:6-11



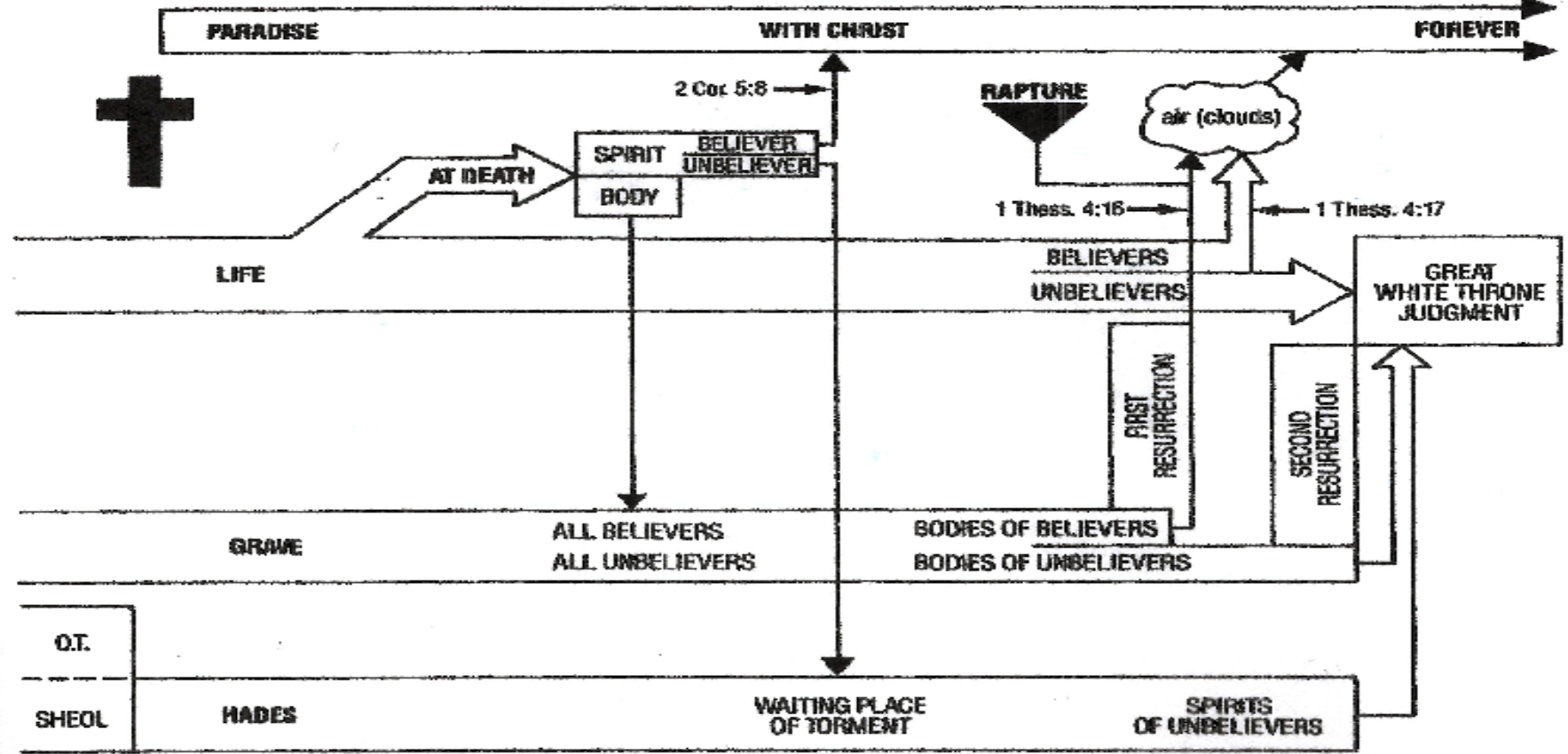
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1 Thessalonians 4:16

INTERMEDIATE STATE OF MAN BETWEEN DEATH AND RESURRECTION



- **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

V 17

Caught up



Acts 8:39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord **caught away Philip**, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

2 Cor 12:2-4 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one **caught up** to the third heaven.³ And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)⁴ How that he was **caught up** into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was **caught up unto God**, and to his throne.

Verses that speak on the Rapture

Matthew 24:40-41 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left

John 14:1-3

1 Thess 4:13-17

The Problem

Let not your hear be troubled V1

Lest you sorrow as others who have no hope v13

The Point

Believe in God believe also in Me v1

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again v14

The Proclamation

told you v2

this we say to you v15

The promise

I will come again v3

the coming of the Lord v15

The Purpose

to Myself v3

to meet the Lord v17

The Plan

receive you v3

caught up v17

The Place

**that where I am there you may be also
V3**

shall always be with the Lord v17

- 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
- Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Comfort one
another




Comfort one
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1 Thessalonians 4:18

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V 17-Wherefore comfort one another with these words. The purpose of the doctrine of the second coming of Christ Jesus it's not to scare us, make a date when he will come back, to be consumed with and not live our life for Christ Jesus but it is to comfort the believer the assurance the day will not suffer wrath but obtain salvation in the catching the way of the church.



3870-To exhort in the way of consolation, encouragement, to console, comfort



Isa 40:1-2 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.



Isaiah after showing what happens to all nations what is the outcome of it all. Isaiah is now called to prophesied comfort to the people.

- Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.
- **Jesus the Messiah tells us when we see the signs of the times to look up lift up our heads for our redemption is close at hand.**
- 1 Thess 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
- **Paul Uses the same word we comfort ourselves together we edify one another.**

Heb 12:12-13 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

The ministry of Christ Jesus is to lift up the hands that hang down and the feeble knees. We want to make our paths straight by good doctrine. Good doctrine produces healing for the soul.

Because truth sets men free.

Truth is sincere

truth is free from hypocrisy.

The message of the second coming of Christ should give us joy maybe even like the man on the road to Emmaus who said their hearts burned within them as he spoke the scriptures.