

Facing a Fearless Future
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
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Rapture - To seize upon with (force), to rob

Matthew 22:1-10

Tonight we are still living in the age of the kingdom of heaven – we still have a (choice)

(Hope) and (grief) can coexist

2 Corinthians 5:8-9

8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--
 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

God wants us to understand the (true nature) of life and death

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

Two words... (TOO COMFORTABLE)

2 Peter 3:9-13

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

- 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives
- 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.
- 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

We are (strongly encouraged) to (look forward) to the day of God – the Rapture