

Be Ready: About the Dead
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (CSB)

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For we say this to you by a word from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord's coming will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

What is the Nature of Death?

Is Death Interruptible?

Is There Life After Death?

1 Thessalonians 4:14

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What happens to us after our physical Death?

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2 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Luke 16:19-31

³¹“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Luke 23:43

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

1 Peter 3:18-20

¹⁸ For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.

Revelation 6:9-11

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

When Do We Receive Our Eternal Bodies?

Heaven Definition:

1. Sky/Atmosphere
2. Space
3. The Dwelling Place of God.

2 Peter 3:7, 13

⁷ ... the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. . . ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Revelation 21:1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away

Revelation 21:3

“Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Revelation 21:9-10

⁹One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (CSB)

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1 Corinthians 15:51-52

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵²in 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.

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Christian Hope: The certain expectation of a future reality.

Philippians 1:21

²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

1 Thessalonians 4:18

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