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The Rapture

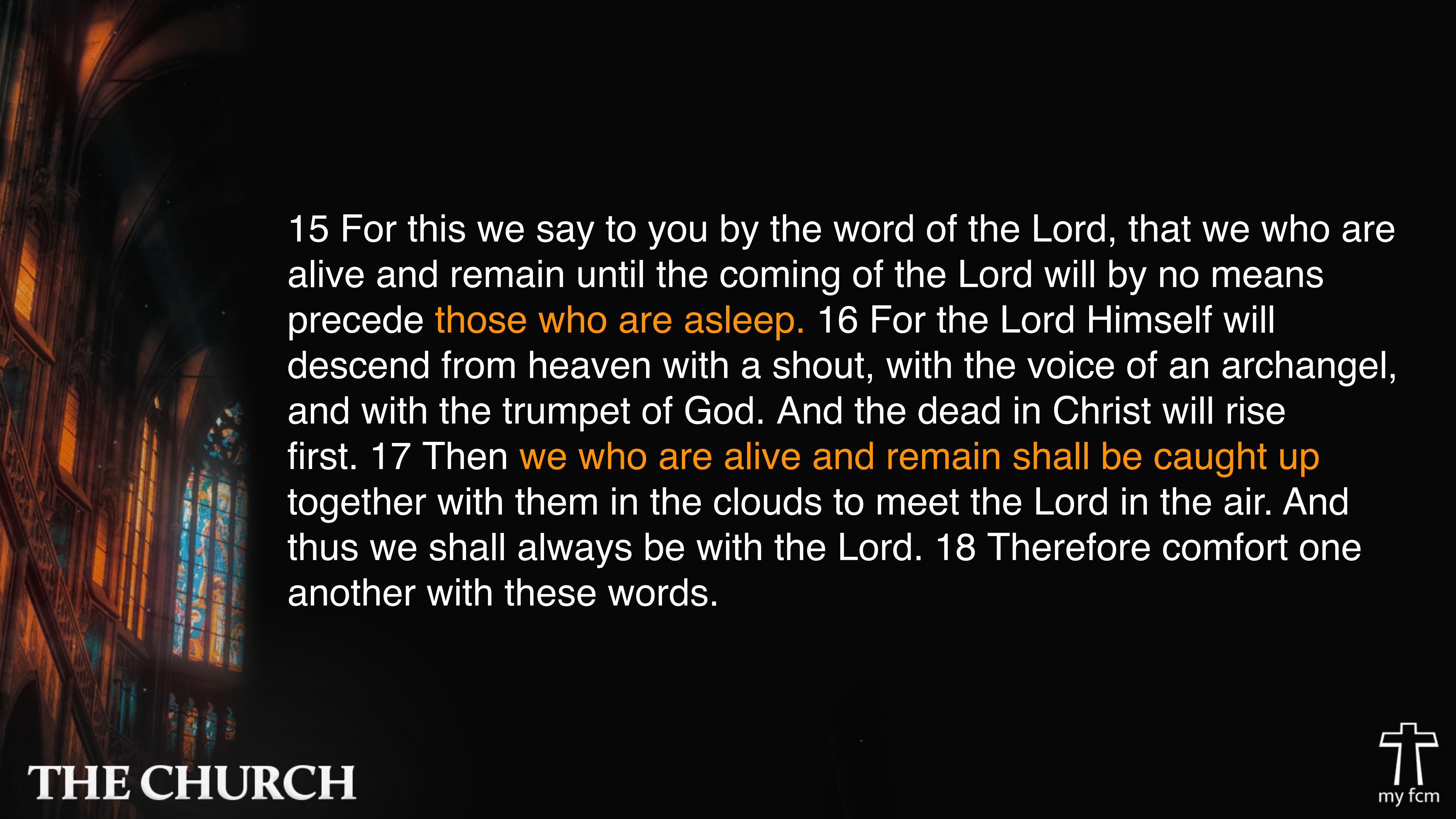
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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 New King James Version

The Comfort of Christ's Coming

13 But **I do not want you to be ignorant**, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

A photograph of a church interior, showing a large stained glass window with colorful patterns and a wooden balcony. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the architectural details.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede **those who are asleep**. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then **we who are alive and remain shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.



It will involve 2 things

1. resurrection of believers who have died
2. rapture of all believers alive



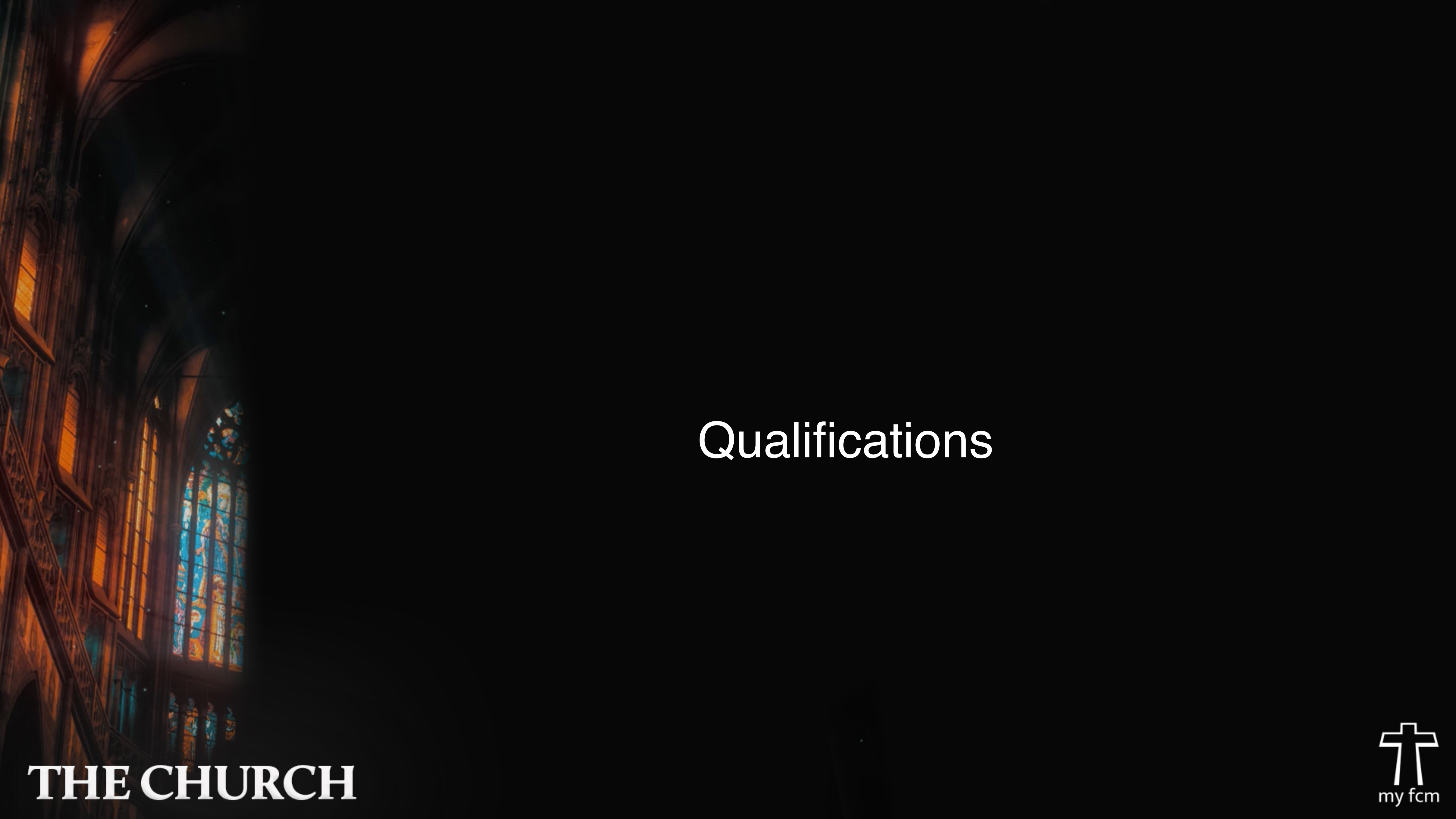
2 Corinthians 3:18

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18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory,** just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 John 3:3 New King James Version

3 And **everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as**
He is pure.



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1 Thessalonians 4:14 New King James Version

14 **For if we believe** that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.



Timing

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Matthew 24:35-37 New King James Version

36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, **but My Father only.** 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 New King James Version

The Day of the Lord

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.



2 Peter 3:3-4 New King James Version

3 knowing this first: **that scoffers will come in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, “**Where is the promise of His coming?** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”



2 Peter 3:8 New King James Version

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord **one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**



Hosea 6:2 New King James Version

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After **two days** He will revive us;
On the third day He will raise us up,
That we may live in His sight.



Luke 21:23-24 New King James Version

23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. **And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**



Matthew 16:2-3 New King James Version

2 He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; 3 and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, **but you cannot discern the signs of the times.**



Romans 11:25 New King James Version

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

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2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 New King James Version

6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.**

Resurrection

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2 Corinthians 5:6-7 New King James Version

6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.



Philippians 3:21 New King James Version

21 **who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,** according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

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1 Corinthians 15:51-53 New King James Version

51 Behold, I tell 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 trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.



1 Thessalonians 4:17 New King James Version

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds** to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Reunion

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Reception & Reward



Revelation 19:9 New King James Version

9 Then he said to me, “Write: ‘**Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!**’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”



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1 Thessalonians 4:18 New King James Version

18 Therefore **comfort** one another with these words.



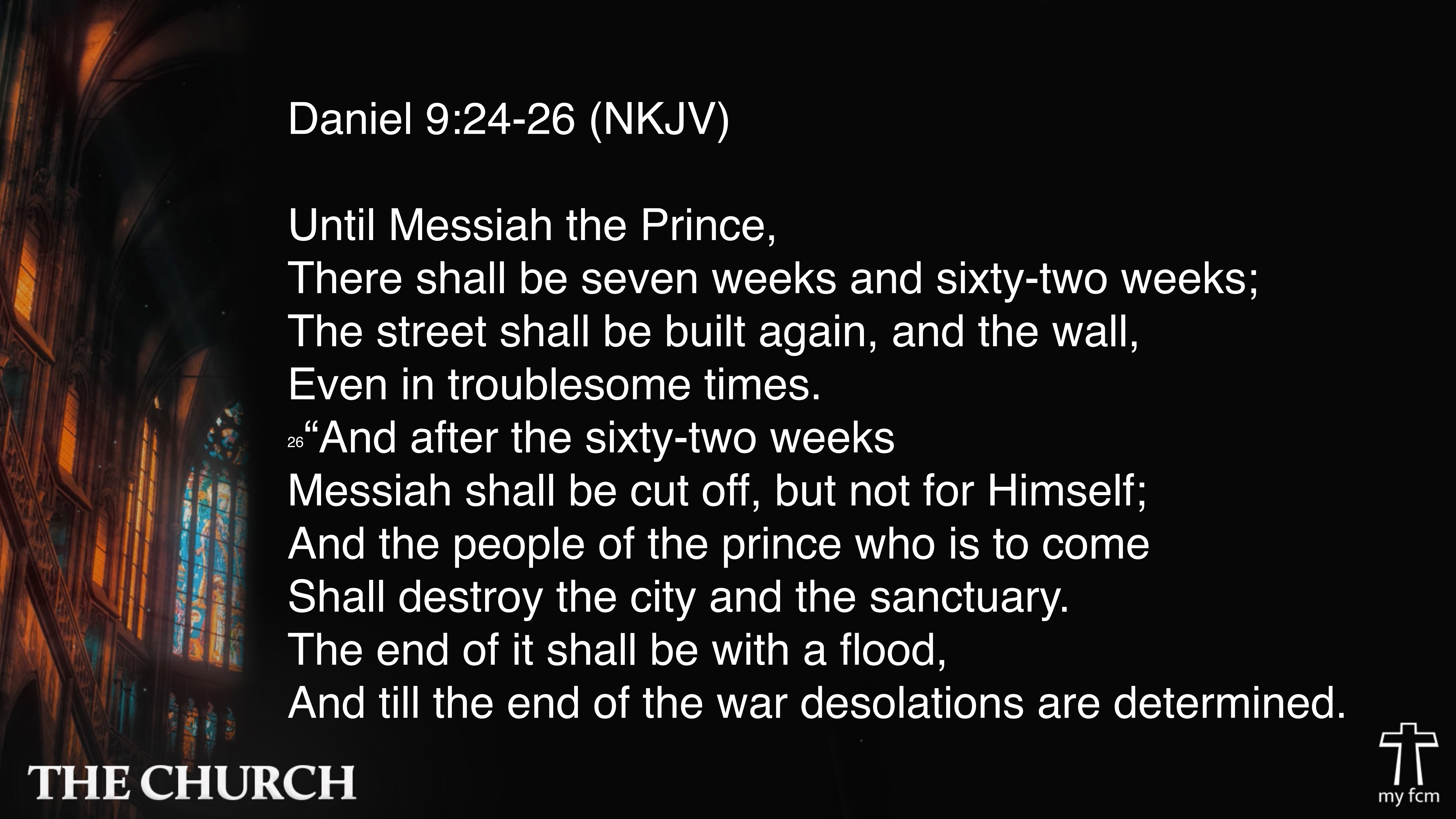
Hebrews 10:25 New International Version

25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Calm
Comfort
Compel
Cleanse
Confidence

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Daniel 9:24-26 (NKJV)

Until Messiah the Prince,
There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;
The street shall be built again, and the wall,
Even in troublesome times.

²⁶“And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it shall be with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

Daniel 9:24-26 (NKJV)

²⁴“Seventy weeks are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.
²⁵“Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem

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