

PRESENT LIFE
AND
A PROMISED
FUTURE



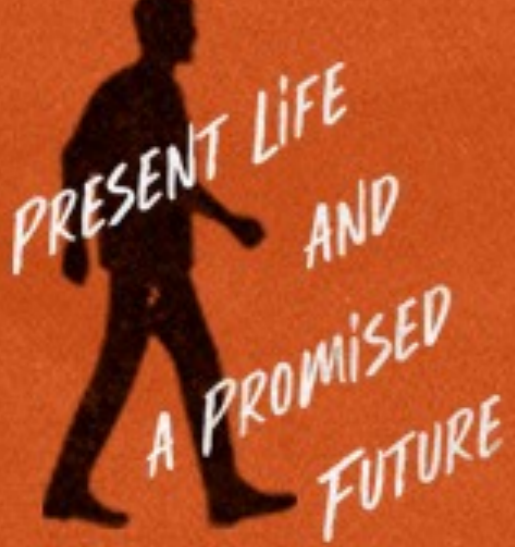
THESSALONIANS



The Loss of Hope

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like **people who have no hope.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13



The Restoration of Hope

Those who died were not missing the gathering up to Jesus when he returned, they were already with Him! And, they will be with Him when He comes!



The Restoration of Hope

8 Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.

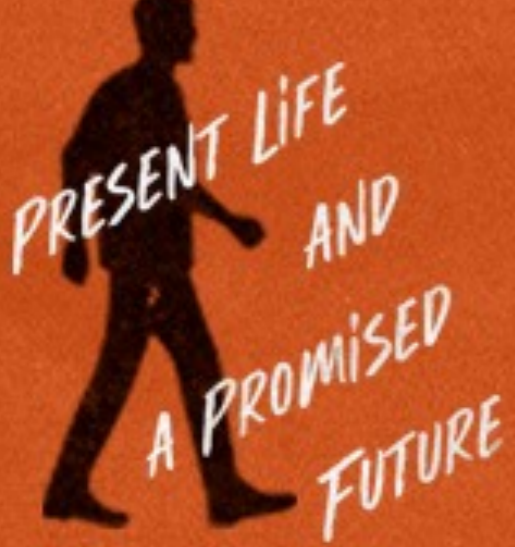
2 Corinthians 5:8



The Restoration of Hope

“For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better... I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.”

Philippians 1:23-24



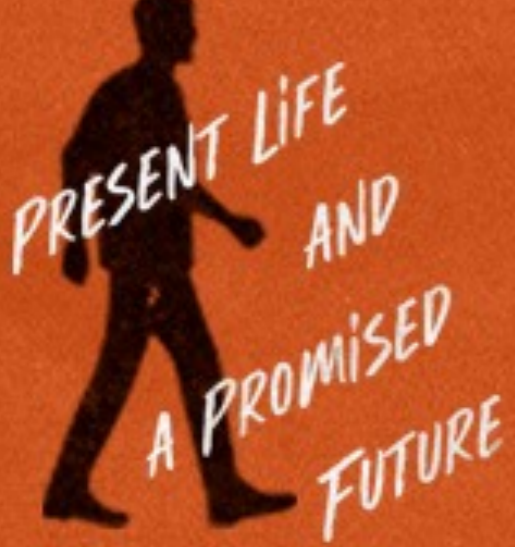
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But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever.

And we who are living will also be transformed.

53 For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

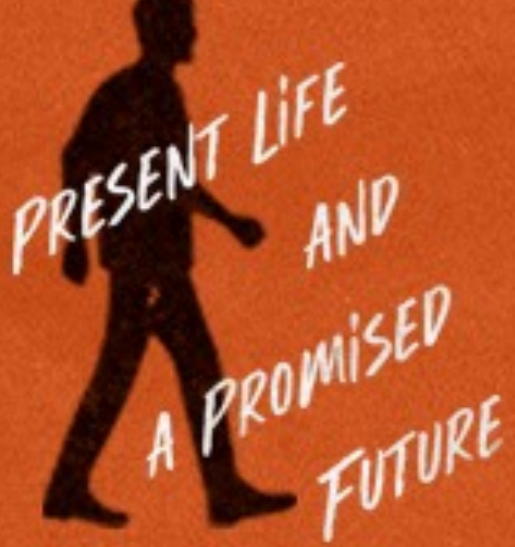
1 Corinthians 15:51-53



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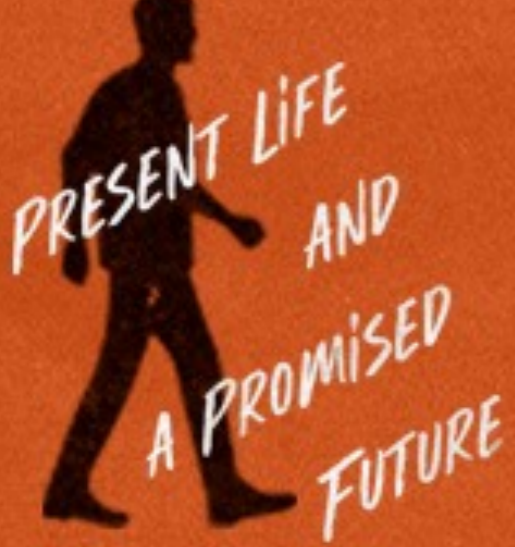
“Why are your hearts filled with doubt? Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.”

Luke 24:38-39



Contagious Hope

Hope begins when we believe in the
risen Jesus Christ



Contagious Hope

Hope in Jesus Christ means goodness is just ahead and nothing is lost.



Contagious Hope

Hope in Jesus Christ means we are
fearless in love