

# THE END OF DAYS

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

## XVIII – Of The World to Come

**We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the Last Day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.**

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and passionately reaching*

# Via Egnatia



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**TRUTH 1 - AN APPROACHING END**

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1–3**

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**TRUTH 2 - A COMING KING**

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are

**1 Thessalonians 4:13–16a**

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alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13–16a**

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**TRUTH 3 - A WARM WELCOME**

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16**

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<sup>17</sup> Then we who are 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.

# **TRUTH 4 - A SOLEMN SEPARATION**

<sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

**1 Thessalonians 5:4**

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**TRUTH 5 - AN IRREVERSIBLE VERDICT**

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once,  
and after that comes judgment,

<sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

# **TRUTH 6 -A NARROWING WINDOW**

<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**1 Thessalonians 4:18**

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<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

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