



# 1 Thessalonians: *Living in Light of Christ's Return*

Part 5: 1 Thessalonians 4:12-18

## Introduction

1. A question that *MUST* be answered. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
2. A question that *CANNOT* be answered (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

## The question that *MUST* be answered

### ❖ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

#### 1. The question Paul seeks to answer

- ❖ Philippians 3:7-11—*But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*

#### 2. The answer to the question is going to have a profound impact on them

##### ❖ 1 Thessalonians 4:13

- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 4:17—*meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

- ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:54-55—*“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”*

#### 3. The answer to the question

1 Thessalonians 4:15—*this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,*

##### ❖ 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

- ❖ John 11:43—*Lazarus, come out*

- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 4:16—*the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.*

- ❖ John 5:28-29—*Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.*

- ❖ Romans 8:18—*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*



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- ❖ Romans 8:23—*we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*
- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 4:17—*so we will always be with the Lord.*
- ❖ Isaiah 6:5—*“Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”*
- ❖ Ephesians 5:25-27—*Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*
- ❖ **1 Thessalonians 4:18**