

SERIES: LIVING A LIFE OF EXCELLENCE

MESSAGE: Demonstrate Hope in Death

TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

- I. Hope is based on God's Revelation. (v. 15)
- II. Hope is rooted in Christ's Redemption and Resurrection. (Vv. 14; 1Cor. 15:1–4; Rom. 6:4–10)
- III. Hope rests in Christ's Return. (Vv. 16a; Ps. 33:6–9; John 11:43–44; John 5:25–28)
- IV. Hope anticipates the resurrection of the dead. (Vv. 4:16b; 1Cor. 15:20–23)
- V. Hope believes in our rapture and longs for our reunion. (Vv. 4:17; 2Thes 2:1)
- VI. Hope comforts us and reminds us that death is defeated. (v. 4:18)

Take-Aways:

1. God loves you and saves you from death.
2. The grave is not final.
3. At death, we are present with the Lord.
4. Christ is coming again.
5. We will all be given new bodies.
6. We will be re-united with our loved ones and Christ.
7. Death is defeated by life.
8. Our grief is tempered by glorious hope.