



1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

Wednesday, September 21st, 2022

- I. A word From the Lord
 - a. How can we be confident that what Paul is saying is true?
 - i. It is a direct revelation from the Lord to Paul.
 - ii. Acts 9:5–6; 22:17–21; Gal. 1:12; 2:2; 1 Cor. 11:23
 - b. Is Paul expectantly or anxiously waiting on Christ to return? Are you anxiously waiting on Christ to return?
 - c. What are some things that make you nervous or maybe gives you anxiety about Christ's return? Are these things sinful?
 - d. On the flip side, what makes you excited about Christ's return?
 - i. I.e – Reuniting with the Lord, loved ones, hearing the stories of believers from all throughout history.
- II. The Rapture.
 - a. Why is the word, "himself" a key word in this passage?
 - i. Emphasizes the personal matter of his return.
 - b. What are the three noises we will hear?
 - i. The voice of the Lord
 - ii. The archangel
 - iii. The trumpet of God.
 - c. How can we have confidence that we will be raptured (assurance of salvation)?
 - d. What should we be doing with the time the Lord gives us before his return?
 - e. What will happen to those who die apart from Christ?
- III. Comfort One Another With These Words.
 - a. Is this a comfort to you?
 - b. Why is what Paul said comforting?



- c. What are some practical ways you can comfort someone with these words? In general what are other biblical ways to comfort someone?

Prayer Topics:

1. Pray that ABC would actively wait on Christ's return. That we would minister to others and bring the good news to them.
2. Pray that ABC would be motivated to live godly and holy lives in light of Jesus' return.
3. Pray that ABC would love and comfort each other in the word. That we would put everything, even tragedies into a biblical perspective.