



How to experience hope

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1 Thessalonians 4:13 But **we do not want you to be uninformed**, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.

2. C_____ one another with truth

¹⁸ Therefore **comfort one another with these words**.

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

⁴ "And you know the way where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

1 Corinthians 15:49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

⁵⁰ Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:1 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

² For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

³ While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief;

⁵ for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

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⁶ so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us **be alert and sober**.

⁷ For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

⁸ But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

4. E _____ one another with truth

¹¹ Therefore **encourage one another, and build up one another**, just as you also are doing.

Matthew 24:1 And Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

² And He answered and said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

³ And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Signs

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

⁵ "For **many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,'** and will mislead many.

⁶ "And you will be hearing of **wars** and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end.

⁷ "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be **famines and earthquakes**.

⁸ "But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

⁹ "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be **hated by all nations** on account of My name.

¹⁰ "And at that time **many will fall away** and will deliver up one another and hate one another.

¹¹ "And **many false prophets** will arise, and will mislead many.

¹² "And because **lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold**.

¹³ "But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.

¹⁴ "And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations**, and then the end shall come.

¹⁵ "Therefore when you see **the abomination of desolation** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

¹⁷ let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house;

¹⁸ and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.

¹⁹ "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days!

²⁰ "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath;

²¹ for then there will be **a great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

²² "And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short.

²³ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There *He is*,' do not believe *him*.

²⁴ "For **false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders**, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

²⁵ "Behold, I have told you in advance.

²⁶ "If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, *or*, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*.

²⁷ "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

²⁸ "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ "But immediately after the tribulation of those days **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall** from the sky, and the powers of **the heavens will be shaken,**

³⁰ and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

³¹ "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

lessons

³² "Now learn **the parable from the fig tree**: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;

³³ even so you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door.

³⁴ "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

³⁵ "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

³⁷ "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like **the days of Noah**.

³⁸ "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

⁴⁰ "Then there shall be two men in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴¹ "Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴² "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

⁴³ "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night **the thief** was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁴ "For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

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