

I Thessalonians 4:13-5:4 Notes

4:13 Is Paul answering questions they sent to him? Or, is he simply imparting new information to Him? The answer doesn't matter - truth can be understood anyway.

Paul always wanted to impart knowledge.

Asleep - those that have died.

Not forbidding grief; forbidding sorrow

No hope - different kind of sorrow. They have no hope because they haven't obeyed the Gospel or are unfaithful.

4:14 If - Conditional

When Christ comes, there will be a gathering of His people

Rev. 14:13 - blessed are the dead in the Lord

4:15 Authority

Prevent - precede or before

They will be gathered up also

Talking about dead Christians, not righteous or unrighteous, but righteous alive or

righteous dead

John 5:28-29 Judgment is on the part of the Lord

Matt. 25 Separation of saved versus lost

John 11:24 Final things > the resurrection will produce the judgment

Matt. 25:46 Everlasting & eternal are translated from the same word - something that will last

Ac. 1:11 A personal return of the Christ

4:16 1. Jesus comes

2. Dead rise first

3. Alive called up in the air

4:17 *I Cor. 15* Some denied the resurrection

15:23 Christ raised from the dead first. Resurrection of the righteous to follow.

15:24 Kingdom = Church

15:25 Christ will reign until all enemies are defeated

15:26 Death defeated by the resurrection

We will meet the Lord in the air, not on the Earth. Why? To keep us from being burned up!

II Peter 3:10 Will Come -> final things - Earth to be burned up.

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“Ever be” - always - without end.

4:18 Extremely comforting

When? *Matt. 24:42* No one knows when

5:1 They're familiar with times but there is no need to write about when Jesus will return because we don't know - can't and don't know when that will happen.

Ac. 1 When? Not for you to know

5:2 Thief never sends signs and warnings - he comes unannounced and unexpected.

5:3 When it is time for a woman to go into labor and the baby to be delivered, there is no stopping it. When Jesus comes, there is no stopping it.

5:4 Christians don't have to be in darkness.

It will not be a shock to the Christian.