

"THE CERTAINTY OF THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE"

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

I. PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL EXPLANATIONS (1:2-3:13)

II. PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS. (4:1-5:24)

A. Exhortations about GENERAL CONDUCT. (4:1-2)

B. Exhortations about SEXUAL PURITY. (4:3-8)

C. Exhortations about BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)

D. Exhortations about the BLESSED HOPE. (4:13-18)

1. The INTRODUCTION to these INSTRUCTIONS. (4:13)

a. The *recipients* of these instructions are _____... “brethren.”

* Why is this distinction necessary?

b. The *initial intent* of these instructions is to remove their _____ through biblical instruction... “*I would not have you be ignorant...*”

* Is this a problem among believers today?

c. The *issue* in these instructions revolve around “*those who have fallen* _____” and Jesus Christ’s return.

* Why is this term used?

* Does the Bible teach “soul sleep”?

d. The *primary purpose* of these instructions is so that believers in Christ wouldn't “...*sorrow as* _____ *who have no* _____.”

* What does this mean?

2. The CONTENT of these INSTRUCTIONS. (4:14-17)

a. The ASSURANCE regarding our HOPE. (4:14)

1) The *sole condition* for the Christian's hope is explained by the words... "if _____
_____...."

* What class condition is the word "if"?

2) The *basis* for the Christian's hope is "that Jesus _____ and
_____."

* What is significant about the word "died"?

* What is worth noting about the words "rose again"?

* How does this relate to the believer's hope?

3) The *guarantee* of the Christian's hope regarding those "which sleep in Jesus" is that
_____ will bring them _____ Jesus Christ when He returns.

* What does this indicate?

* What can you learn from this?