

"THE CERTAINTY OF THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE" (Part 2)

(1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)

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)

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

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

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

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

b. The EXPLANATION regarding CHRIST'S COMING. (4:15-17)

1) The *authority* for this *revelation* is that it is "by the _____ of the _____."

2) The *term* used for *Christ's return* in the passage is the Greek word _____.

* What do the Scriptures teach regarding the 2 phases of Christ's return?

3) The *amazing fact* about the *dead in Christ* is that "we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means _____ those who are asleep."

4) The *focus* of the *Parousia* is "the _____ shall descend..."

* What should this remind us of?

5) The *manner* of the *Parousia* is majestic and kingly as accompanied with a _____ of command, a _____ of an archangel, and the _____ of God.

(6) The *resurrection* of the *church-age believers* at the Parousia guarantees that “*the dead* _____ *will rise* _____.”

* Does this include all saints of all times?

* How many resurrections are there?

(7) The *rapture* of *church-age believers* at the Parousia guarantees that “*we who are* _____ *and* _____ *shall be* _____...”

* Is the word “*Rapture*” found in the Bible?

* Is this guaranteed?

(8) The *reunion* of *church-age believers* (dead and alive) at the Parousia is clarified by the words... “*together* _____ *them.*”

* Who is “*them*” referring to?

(9) The location of this reunion will be... “*in the* _____ *to meet the Lord in* *the* _____.”

* How does apply to you?