

OUR BLESSED HOPE AND THE COMING TRIBULATION

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11)

A. EXHORTATIONS ABOUT THE BLESSED HOPE (4:13-18)

1. Paul had written exclusively to believers regarding the Rapture of the Church because there were “_____” who had died, and those Christians who remained were _____. (v. 13)
2. The sole condition for the Christian’s hope is on “*if*” (1st class) he/she has _____ that Jesus _____ and _____ again. (v. 14a, cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-4)
3. God guarantees the believer that “*those who _____ in Jesus*” will be brought _____ the _____ when He returns in the air. (v. 14b)
4. “*By the word of the Lord*” Paul stated that those Christians who are among the _____ when the Rapture takes place will _____ those who have already died. (v. 15)
5. When the Groom descends from heaven for His Bride, the marriage procession is majestic and kingly, accompanied with a _____ of command, a _____ of an archangel, and the _____ of God. (v. 16)
6. After the dead in Christ have risen, then we who are _____ will be “_____ (harpazo) together with them” and all of us will meet the Lord in the air. (v. 17)
7. The only way anyone of us could “_____ one another with these words” is if the Rapture took place _____ the _____. (v. 18)

B. EXHORTATIONS ABOUT THE DAY OF THE LORD (5:1-11)

1. The Thessalonians' *prior knowledge* regarding the _____ and the _____ removed the need to give to them a detailed explanation regarding "*the Day of the Lord.*" (v. 1)
2. The "*Day of the Lord*" is mentioned _____ times in the Old Testament (Isa. 2:12, 13:6, 13:9; Jer. 46:10; Ez. 13:5, 30:3; Joel 1:15, 2:1, 11, 3:14; Amos 5:18 (2x), 5:20; Obadiah 1:15; Zeph. 1:14 (2x), 1:17; Zech. 1:14; Mal. 4:5), and _____ times in the New Testament (Acts 2:20; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Thess. 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10)
3. The Thessalonians already knew that the "Day of the Lord" was coming, and it would arrive _____ like "*a thief in the night*" with sudden judgment and _____. (vv. 2-3)
4. Paul calmed any fears that believers might have had regarding this future event, this day would not overtake them because they were "_____ of the _____." (vv. 4-5)
5. Believers are to _____ and be _____-_____ concerning these things. (vv. 6-8)
6. God did _____ appoint the Church to _____, but to obtain deliverance through the Lord Jesus (1 Thess. 1:10; Rom. 5:9; Rev. 3:10), who took His Father's wrath for us. (vv. 9-10)
7. The only way anyone of us could "_____ *each other*" regarding all of this, is if we were _____ going to go through it, but were delivered from it. (v. 11)

* How can this section of Scripture personally comfort your heart?