

# I Thessalonians 4:13-18



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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

## 1. THE GRIEF

### A. Is Appropriate

I Thessalonians 4:13 (ESV)-But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

John 11:33-35 (ESV)-When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 (ESV)-There is a time for everything... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

### B. The Price of Loving

John 11:5 (ESV)- Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

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## 2. THE COMFORT

### A. It's Temporary

I Thessalonians 4:14 (ESV)-For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

John 11:11-13 (ESV)-After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

### B. Jesus is Present

I Thessalonians 4:14 (ESV)-For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Matthew 28:20b (ESV)-“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## 3. THE ENCOURAGEMENT

### A. We Will See Them Again

I Thessalonians 4:15-18 (ESV)- For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### B. We Will Be with Jesus

I Thessalonians 4:17-18 (ESV)-Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Here is the Point:** We grieve with confident hope!