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It is the Lord Christ yr tre serving. ²⁵Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.

4 Masters, pride your slaves with what is right as fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Further Astructions

watche and thankful. And pray for us, you,

MAfter this letter en read to you, see that it is also read he church of the Laodiceans and that you can read the letter from Laodicea.

PTell Archippus: "See to it it will complete the work you have rece in the Lord.

18I. Paul, write this greeting in Deva e yourselves to prayer, being hand. Remember my chains Grace

1 Thessalonians

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"The Comfort of Christ's Coming" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NKJV)

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

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- ♦ 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.
- ◆ 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?
- ♦ 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

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- ◆ Does the thought of Jesus' return stir thoughts of comfort or dread?
- ◆ These words are written to those in Christ, concerning those in Christ, (dead or alive), and NOT concerning those who are lost. (their end is referenced in other passages John 5:28,29; 2 Thes. 1:7-9; Mat. 25:31-46; Rev. 21:8; etc.)

Dispelling Their Grief (4:13-15)

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NKJV) 13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.
- ◆ "I do not want you to be ignorant" A common expression of Paul (Rom. 1:13; 11:25; 1 Cor. 10:1; 12:1; 2 Cor. 1:8)
- * "concerning those who have fallen asleep" i.e., Christians who have died. (Luke 16:19ff; 23:43; Jn 11:11-13; 1 Cor. 15:20,51).
- ◆ "Lest you sorrow" Paul is not forbidding sorrow, but they should not grieve, (ESV) like those who have no hope (Ep. 2:12)

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- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in lesus.
- ◆ "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again" — the fundamental and foundational stone of Christianity — (1 Cor 15:1-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Cor. 4:13,14).
- ◆ "Even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus" Hades will be emptied, and the deceased will be reunited with their resurrected & glorified bodies in the same realm and time that the living are changed (3:13; 2 Thes 2:1; 1 Cor. 15:23; Phili 3:20,21)

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 For this we say to
- you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.
- ◆ "By the word of the Lord" —

 "Thus says the Lord" these are the words of God (Gal. 1:12; 2:2; Eph. 3:3; Micah 1:1; Hos. 1:1; Jer. 1:2; Lk 3:2).
- ◆ "We who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord" —
 - ◆ "We" does NOT imply Paul expected

 Jesus to come in his lifetime (1

 Cor. 6:14; 2 Cor. 4:11,14; 5:1)
 - ◆ "Coming" [Gk "parousia"] lit. presence - same term used in 2Pe 3:12; 2Th 2:8

The Manner of Jesus' Return (4:16-17)

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NKJV) 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

- ◆ ""The Lord Himself" The
 Lord Himself will PERSONALLY
 return from heaven (Acts 1:11;
 Mat 16:27; 25:31; 2 Thes. 1:7; Rev 1:7).
 - * "with the voice of an archangel"
 (Jude 9,14; Mat 13:41; 25:31; Mk
 8:38; 2 Thes. 1:7)
 - ◆ "with the trumpet of God"—the last trumpet (1 Co. 15:52.)
 - ◆ "the dead in Christ will rise first"

 They will not be left behind, and neither will they be left out. (cf. 1 Co. 15:23, 51, 52)

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 25:31; 2 Thes. 1:7; Rev 1:7; 1 Cor. 15:23).
 - ★ After the dead in Christ arise, i.e., the the resurrection — (1 Cor. 15:22, 51,52; John 5:25,28,29)
 - ◆ "Those living will be changed" in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (cf. 1 Co. 15:51, 52)
 - ★ "At the LAST trumpet" (1 Co.
 15:52-54; Phili 3:21; John 5:28,29)

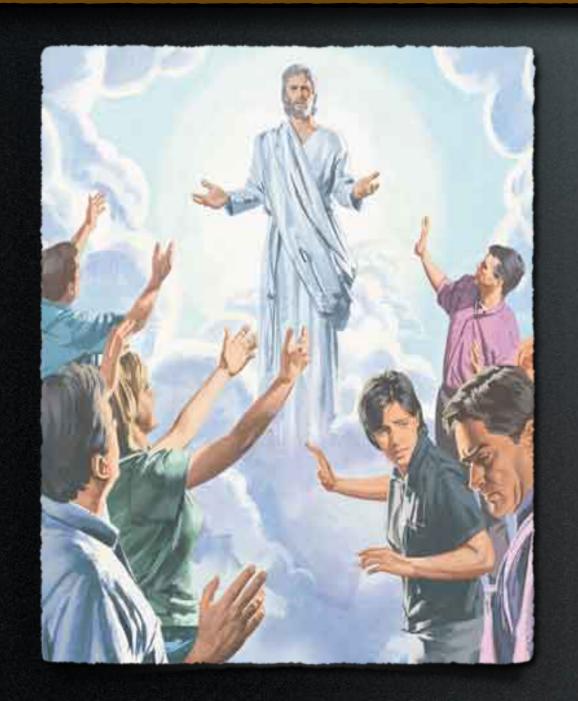
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 - ◆ "And thus we shall always be with the Lord" i.e., in this manner, we will be with the Lord always — (John 14:3; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phili. 1:23; 1 Pet 1:3,4)

THE LAST TRUMP

Biblical Descriptions Of Jesus' Return -



- * With noise shout, voice of the archangel & the trumpet of God - 1 Thess. 4:16
- * With His holy angels Matt. 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7-8
- * Suddenly and unexpected 1 Thess. 5:1-4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 22:20
- * Visibly Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 1:7 "and every eye will see Him" -

THE LAST TRUMP

Things That Will Occur When Jesus Returns



- * Raise ALL the dead on the LAST DAY John 5:28,29; 6:39,40,54; 11:24
- * Judge The World on the last day - Ac 17:30-31; Mat 25:31-32; 2 Cor 5:10; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16; John 12:48
- * Glorify Saints Col. 3:4; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; Rev. 22:14; Matt. 25:46

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- * Punish wicked 2 Thess. 1:7-9 - Matt. 25:41,46; Rev. 20:10; Rev 21:8
- * Destroy present order and establish new heavens and new earth 2 Pet. 3:10-13; Heb. 11:13-16; Rev. 22:14
- * Deliver Kingdom to Father 1 Cor. 15:23-28

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Jesus Is Coming Again (4:13-18)



Does the thought of Jesus' return stir thoughts of comfort or dread?

Are YOU Ready?

In Christ? Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26,27;

Faithful? 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Pet. 3:10-14

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⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed -52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58 (NKJV)

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.