

## Comfort

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Two types of death:

- 1) Spiritual death
- 2) Physical death

God's judgment of the righteous and unrighteous: Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10 John 3:17-18

#### 1. No Need to Grieve (4:13-14)

- a. Asleep but not forever
- b. The "Rest" (unbelievers)
  - 1) Grief
  - 2) No hope
- c. Blessing for those who die in the Lord (Revelation 14:13)
- d. Resurrection hope (v. 14) (1 Corinthians 15; Romans 4:25)

#### 2. The Hope of the Living and Dead in Christ (4:15-18)

- a. Appearing of Jesus, our hope since Acts 1:11 (v. 16)
  - 1) Shout
  - 2) Voice of archangel (highest angel)
  - 3) Trumpet of God (the Day of the Lord in Isaiah 27:13, Joel 2:1, and Zechariah 9:14)
  - 4) Descent from heaven (Daniel 7:13; Matthew 26:64)
- b. Dead in Christ rise first (v. 16)
- c. The alive in Christ join them (1 Corinthians 15:35-56)
- d. A cloudy meeting

#### 3. Don't become Dull (5:1-3)

- a. Be ready. Two illustrations:
  - 1) Thief in the night
  - 2) A pregnant woman

#### 4. Be Awake and Sober (5:4-8)

- 1) Night life
- 2) Day life

#### 5. Our Protection (5:8)

- Faith
- Love
- Hope

#### 6. Hope through Our Lord Jesus Christ (5:9-11)

Two outcomes

Night = wrath

Day = salvation

How do we live in the day? *Through our Lord Jesus Christ.*