



Finish: Your Happily Ever After Awaits!

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Passage Summary: As we journey through life it is essential that we live in the light of the _____ ever _____ that awaits every born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that the happily ever after that awaits every born again believer is grounded in the unshakable _____ of our _____ in Christ! (4:13-18)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the unshakable hope of our salvation in Christ...

- The foundation of this hope is the _____ of Jesus on the cross and His _____ from the dead! (v.13-14)

“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:40

Remember: When it comes to the unshakable hope of our salvation in Christ, you need a _____ and an empty _____, and praise God, that is exactly what He has given us through Jesus!

- The fulfillment of this hope will be initiated by the _____ of the _____! (v.17)

“After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.”

1 Thessalonians 4:17

When the rapture takes place...

The _____ in Christ will rise first!

Those who are _____ will be caught up (raptured) with them together in the clouds to meet Jesus!

We will receive _____ bodies!

The seven year _____ period will follow!

“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 5:9

Remember: When it comes to the unshakable hope of our salvation in Christ, we may not know the timing of the rapture, but we do know that when this glorious event comes, it will be both _____ and life _____; so live like it could be today!

- The purpose of this hope is to infuse _____ and _____ into the hearts of believers until this glorious day comes! (v.18)

“A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth.”

Ecclesiastes 7:1

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”

Psalms 116:15

Remember: When it comes to the unshakable hope of our salvation in Christ, death may be the last _____, but it will not have the last _____; “Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine in the midst of difficult and uncertain times that you will allow the unshakable hope of our salvation to be a source of comfort and encouragement, reminding you that there is a “_____ ever _____” that awaits every born again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ!