



**Projection from 9.1.2019 – “We Grieve With Hope” – 1 Thessalonians 5:13-18 –
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1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

[13] 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. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15] 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. [16] 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. [17] 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. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words. (ESV)

“All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.” – Isaiah 40:6-7

“Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...” – Romans 5:12

When a believer dies, we should grieve with hope, knowing Jesus' story is our story.

1) The work of Christ is the foundation of our hope (vv. 13-14)

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days has spoken to us by his Son...” – Hebrews 1:1

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” – Isaiah 53:6

“And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the

women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him...' – Matthew 28:2-7

"Because I live, you also will live." – John 14:19

2) The resurrection of the body is the substance of our hope (vv. 15-16)

"So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power." – 1 Corinthians 15:42-43

"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet...For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality." – 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

"As the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man." – Matthew 24:27

3) The presence of God is the reward of our hope (vv. 17-18)

"They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." – Revelation 22:4-5

"As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness." – Psalm 17:15

"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere." – Psalm 84:10