

ANTICIPATE!

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRIST'S RETURN A STUDY THROUGH 1 THESSALONIANS

The Main Thing

1 Thessalonians 4:13

1. “We do not want you to be **UNINFORMED...**”
2. **NOW:** We believe in:
The **HOLY SPIRIT**.
The holy catholic **CHURCH** and the communion of **SAINTS**.
The **FORGIVENESS** of sins.
3. **NEXT:** We believe in:
The **CONTINUATION** of the above three things.
The **SECOND** coming of Christ to judge the living and the dead.
The **RESURRECTION** of the body.
The life **EVERLASTING**.
4. **AMEN!!!**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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About the Rapture

“This passage, along with John 14:1-3 and 1 Corinthians 15: 51-52 forms the biblical basis for "the Rapture" of the church.”

John MacArthur

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 *In a broader passage about the coming of and the day of the Lord (4:13-5:11), which was at issue in Thesalonica.*

“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.

John 14:1-3 *In the Upper Room Discourse, a broader passage of instruction to the 11 remaining disciples before Jesus' arrest (13:31-16:33.)*

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 *In a broader passage about the futility of faith if the dead are not raised (15:1-58), which was at issue in Corinth.*

“Behold! I tell you a mystery. 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 the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.”

... and so we will always be with the Lord!