

# Letter to the Thessalonians:

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# Three Goals of 1 Thess. 4:13 – 1 Thess. 5:11

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1. What does the text say and mean?
2. What does the text say and mean in light of other scriptures?
3. Speak authoritatively, yet humbly.
4. We are a church that is eagerly looking for Christ's return.

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16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 After that, we who are alive and remain 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.

## Matthew 24

29"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn.

They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

31 And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

## Matthew 25

31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory,  
and all the angels with Him,  
He will sit on His glorious throne.

32 All the nations will be gathered before Him,  
and He will separate the people one from another,  
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

## John 14

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
You believe in God; believe in Me as well.

2 In My Father’s house are many rooms.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I am  
going there to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come back and welcome you to Myself,  
so that you also may be where I am.



## Philippians 3

20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
21 who, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body.

## 1 Thessalonians 1

...you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead—Jesus our deliverer from the coming wrath.

## 2 Thessalonians 1

6 After all, it is only right for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

7 and to grant relief to you who are oppressed and to us as well.

This will take place when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels

8 in blazing fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

## Hebrews 9

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## Revelation 1

7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds,  
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even those who pierced Him.

And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of  
Him. So shall it be! Amen.

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## Revelation 17

14 They will make war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings;

and He will be accompanied by His called and chosen and faithful ones.”

## Revelation 19

11 Then I saw heaven standing open, and there before me was a white horse.

And its rider is called Faithful and True.

With righteousness He judges and wages war.

12 He has eyes like blazing fire, and many royal crowns on His head.

He has a name written on Him that only He Himself knows.

13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is The Word of God.



## Revelation 19

14 The armies of heaven, dressed in fine linen, white and pure, follow Him on white horses.

15 And from His mouth proceeds a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and He will rule them with an iron scepter.

He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

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7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him the glory. For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready.

8 She was given clothing of fine linen, bright and pure." For the fine linen she wears is the righteous acts of the saints.

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## #2 Characteristic of Christ's return:

All saints, whether alive or dead, will receive the same end destiny, at approximately the same time.

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- arrival as the first stage of being present
- the state of being present at a place



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