

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

1. How does the beginning of this passage connect with the larger arc and theme of Paul's letter?
2. What "amount" or "level" of grief is acceptable for a Christian to have for those who "are asleep?"
3. What comfort does Paul give the Thessalonian Christians (and us!) about the Resurrection?
4. By what authority is Paul teaching this to the Thessalonians and to what purpose?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

5. What Old Testament passages are Paul alluding to with verses 16 and 17?
6. What false teaching uses this passage as a "proof text"? How do we correct this false teaching?
7. Does Paul identify a geographical location for where we Christians will be after we "meet the Lord in the air"? Where will we reside after the resurrection?
8. How can we continue in the path of the Thessalonians to "encourage one another with these words?"
9. Once again, what is the purpose of what Paul writes here, is it for comfort or for warning?