

1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 17

Text for Reading & Discussion: 1 Thes. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15

Memory/Meditation Verse:

1 Thes. 4:16-18 – *“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”*

Questions to consider in your study:

1. Think about the memory verses noted above. Meditate on these words this week. Imagine this future event; picture it in your mind. After you have considered it a while, what thoughts and emotions come to mind?
2. Look up the word “ignorant” in a Greek dictionary. How is it defined? Should the Thessalonians be offended to be called ignorant? What is Paul trying to do in this passage?
3. The New King James version refers to “those who have fallen asleep” (Gk. “koimao”) in v. 13. Who are these? This same term is found in: Mt. 27:52; Jn. 11:11; Acts 7:60; 13:36; 1 Cor. 15:6,16-23,51-53; 2 Pet. 3:1-4. Why is this metaphor used by Paul?
4. What is the foundation of Christian hope?

