



## CALVARY CHAPEL

### Hope in Christ's Return

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*1 Thessalonians 4:9-12* Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, **10** for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, **11** and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, **12** so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

*Philippians 4:8-9* Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Joshua 1:8* This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

*1 Thessalonians 9:13* Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

- **3 Directives on Life & Death:**

- Be informed.
- Do not grieve like the world.
- Cling to hope.

*1 Thessalonians 4:14* For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

- **RAPTURE DEFINED:** The Rapture is the biblically prophetic event where all who have put their trust in Christ as Messiah, living and deceased, will suddenly be caught up from earth, to be joined with Him in eternity.

*2 Corinthians 5:8* We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

*Philippians 1:21* For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

*1 Thessalonians 4:15-16* According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who

are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

*Matthew 24:42* Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

*1 Corinthians 15:51-54* "Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed — **52** in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. **53** For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. **54** When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

*Philippians 3:20-21* 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 bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

*1 Thessalonians 4:17* After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

- The Greek word that "rapturo" is derived from "ἁρπάζω" (harpazō).
- This word means "to seize," "to snatch," or "to carry off by force."

*Matthew 24:40-41* "Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left."

*1 Thessalonians 4:18* Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- **Frank Turek:** "I am on the welcoming committee; I am not on the planning committee."

*1 Thessalonians 1:10* and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

*John 11:25-26* Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

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