

Thriving with the Thessalonians, pt 8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Death and dying

Promises of Jesus

I will come again (Jn 14:2-3, see Ac 1:11)

3 apparent questions

Hope in grief (13)

Hope = assurance

Asleep = a synonym for death

Why the euphemism?

Sleeping people wake up

Asleep in Jesus

Hope rooted in the resurrection (14; see 1 Cor 15:20-22)

Hope rooted in the return of Christ (15-17)

5 steps

The descent

First up

Last up

One definitive NT reference to the rapture

Meet up

Forever up

Encouragement in grief (18)

Direction for our lives until then (Tit 2:11-13)

Take it home