

We Do Have Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NIV) — (13) Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. **(14)** 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. **(15)** According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till 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. **(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. **(18)** Therefore encourage each other with these words.

John 14:1–3 (NIV) — (1) “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. **(2)** In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. 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 take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

1 Corinthians 15:50–52 (NIV) — (50) I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. **(51)** 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.

I) The Evidence That Confirms The Promise of Christ’s Coming

II) What Is Going To Happen When He Comes

Revelation 20:5 (NIV) — (5) (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

III) The Hope And Encouragement Of His Second Coming.