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WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF GOD

Today's Scripture Reading:

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

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¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.



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1. The believer has hope because death is not final

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2. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope.

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1 Corinthians 5:17-19: And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

BUT HE ROSE AND WE WILL TOO!

1 Peter 1:3-4: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 Corinthians 15:20: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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3. Our hope will be fully realized at Jesus's return.

THE RETURN

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel,

The Lord's return will be personal, visual, and audible.

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PERSONAL

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VISUAL

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AUDIBLE

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RESURRECTION

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WHAT WILL THE GLORIFIED BODIES BE LIKE?

1 Corinthians 15:42-44,49: So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body... ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

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THE RAPTURE

¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air,

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REUNION

^{17b} caught up **together** with them in the clouds to **meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.**

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¹⁸ Therefore **encourage** one another with these words.

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1 Corinthians 15:52-53: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality

**IN TWINKLING OF AN EYE!
CHANGE GON COME!**

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Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

A CHANGE GON COME

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It is Jesus saying:

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

And John saying:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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