

1 THESSALONIANS 4 vs 1

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¹ Finally then brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and please God, -- as you are doing, do this even more.

² For you know what instructions we gave you by the Lord Jesus / which were no different than what Jesus spoke in His Sermon on the mount; the 10 commands, written by the hand of God 1500 years earlier that they might live long and prosper here on earth, but were generally ignored by His people.

³ For this is the will of God, even your wholeness, that you refrain from unclean sex:

⁴ that each of you know how to manage your body, in wholeness and honor;

⁵ not in passion with strong desires, like the Gentiles who do not know God:

⁶ that no man step over the line and take advantage of a brother or sister in this matter: since the Lord is the avenger of all these things, just as we previously told and warned you.

⁷ For God did not call us to be filthy, but to live in wholeness / fully integrated for His purpose.

⁸ So, anyone who rejects this, does not reject man, but God, who gives His holy Spirit to us / sending out the 70 others, Jesus said, the one who listens to you; listens to me; and he who rejects you, rejects me; and he who rejects me, rejects Him who sent me – Luke 10:16..

⁹ About brotherly love, you do not need me to write to you: because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another,

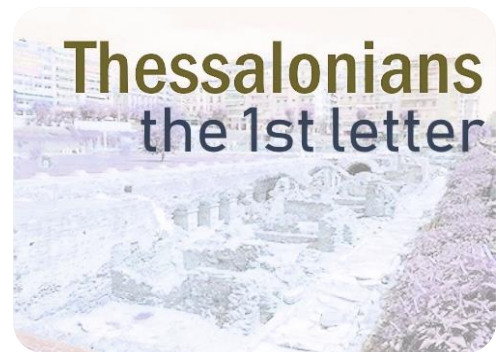
¹⁰ and indeed you are doing this toward all the brothers and sisters in all Macedonia: but we urge you, brothers and sisters to do this even more;

¹¹ and strive to live quietly, and attend to your own business, and work with your own hands, as we instructed you;

¹² so, you may walk properly among outsiders, and not be dependent on anyone.

¹³ But I would not have you **ignorant** brothers, concerning those who are **asleep** / the verb is: **agnoeo**; literally, **not knowing**. Here Paul says, **I want you to know**; about one word: **koimao**. Paul is talking about: **those sleeping**; those who have already died,

that you do not sorrow, even as others who have no hope / Paul does not want those following the Lord Jesus to grieve like others... who have no reason to get out of bed in the morning.



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14 For indeed if we believe that Jesus died / We know Jesus died! **Many courageous women stood stunned at the events of His gruesome crucifixion** when Jesus said: It is finished! **Those same women went to the tomb** where Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wrapped and interred the corpse.

and rose again / Paul says, if we believe Jesus rose again; and we do! There were many eye-witnesses. **Paul tells us over 500 men near Capernaum, on the Sea of Galilee saw Him at the same time!** Other eye-witnesses include: Peter; the 11 disciples; his half-brother James; the 70 apostles He sent out; and many others, over 120 in the upper room who had returned to Jerusalem. If you do the math... you see it includes nearly 700 to 800 individuals in total. And if anyone had questions, they all were available.

so likewise those sleeping in Jesus, God will bring with Him / those who already died in Christ Jesus, God will take them with Him.

15 For this we say to you, by the word of the Lord that we who are living and remaining / The Lord always speaks truth, those who have not fallen asleep in the Lord; who have not died, who remain; so Paul talks about: **the last day left overs of the Lord** scattered in every nation, tribe and tongue.

to the official coming of the Lord will / those who remain to the time of His official coming,

will not precede no way... **those who sleep** / When the Son of mankind comes in great power and glory; that Day of the Lord will not happen before first those who have died in Christ, and all those living in Christ, scattered around the earth get grabbed up, in about a blink of the eye.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven,

with a shout, with the voice of the archangel / from on high, the Lord will step our direction with a loud, commanding summons; with the clear authoritative capacity to speak like Michael, the archangel,

and with the trump of God / the trump – the audible sound of God, like the blast of a trumpet: John told us, **a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet talking with me, that said, Come up here** – Rev. 4... and God was calling him up to heaven. Jesus said, **My sheep hear My voice and follow Me** – John 10; Moses tells us, **when God gave 10 commandments on Mount Sinai that was on fire, the words He spoke pierced the darkness** -- Deut.5. even if you are a deep sleeper, none of His people will miss His last trump... because His voice can raise the dead:

and the dead in Christ will rise first / the nekros en Christos... notice not all the people who died; but those who arise are those who died in The Deliverer, who knew they needed God's help.

17 Then we living and remaining will be caught up / **harpazo** is used 13 times in the NT... describing events that require: force, **to grab**; to catch away quickly. In Acts 8, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip after he shared the Good News with the Ethiopian eunuch. In 2 Corinthians 12, Paul uses the word twice to describe... a man caught up to the third heaven; he was caught up to paradise.

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And Paul was not confused about the Lord's agenda. In 1 Corinthians 6:14... Paul wrote: And God has both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us by His own power -- whether or not Paul was living at the time.

The grabbing up of those following Christ is before the end of the Gentiles. Moses could not enter the promise land... because 2 times he struck the Rock -- a shadow and type God used to represent the Lord Jesus; the church He is building now represents the Lord, His body will not be struck 2 times! Psalm 19 says: The Bridegroom is on His way for His Bride, and He's excited. a wedding happens!

So, this catching up is before Jesus the Messiah officially returns to the Mount of Olives... as conquering LORD of lords, which is after the wedding feast, the marriage supper of the Lamb -- Rev.19

Of the 7 great Days of the LORD, only 3 fixed days remain... they are: **the last days**. Paul says **shadows of things to come**... fulfilled in something Jesus Christ does. And what are they?

When the Son of Man comes again, will He find faith? Or just a bunch of goofy stuff going on?

#5: The Day of Trumpets, when summer, and working in the field is over; the crop has grown... then the trumpet sounds 100 times -- every 15 minutes that day and the harvest is suddenly gathered;

#6: The Day of Atonement, the Day of affliction, of the Lord's judgment on the earth; Daniel says, a Rock destroys the 4th brutal government. Of this Day nobody knows that day or hour our Rock of Ages comes;

#7: The Day of Shelters, the feast of temporary booths; a time of great celebration, the terrible Day of God's wrath, the great battle Armageddon has passed.

Isaiah says about this Man of Sorrows, who was despised and rejected, who substituted for us and took our place... when we make His soul our offering for sin; He will see... and will be satisfied; what He labored to accomplish is already finished on that

#1: great day: **The Passover**. The day Jesus went to the cross for the whole world.

#2: The Day of Unleavened Bread, when Jesus, the living bread descended from heaven to do his work... and was buried in the tomb... that Good Wednesday evening;

#3: The Day of First fruits, when Jesus, who is the first fruits from the dead, was raised 3 days and 3 nights later... that Saturday evening... according to the promise of the Father;

#4: The Day of Pentecost, when the Spirit of God was given... starting with over 120 life-long learners of the Lord... who gathered in that upper room in Jerusalem... 50 days later.

So, what fixed day, what great event of the LORD is next? Well, do the math! Paul said...

But I would not have you to be ignorant.

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What are **the last days**? **# 5 The Day of Trumpets**... usually in September or early October.

6 The Day Afflicting souls; and **# 7 The Day of Shelters**.

So hear Paul again, because he does not want us to be ignorant...

¹⁷ **Then we living and remaining will be grabbed up,**

together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air / clearly, on some joyous **Day of Trumpets**, the next important day on the Lord's calendar... Jesus will be on proverbial Cloud 9 as He meets His Bride. When? Well, this could be the year! If not this year; then keep going, don't quit; March on in Christ; keep running the race of faith:

and so will we forever be with the LORD.

¹⁸ **Why was this said? comfort one another** the action word is: **parakaleo**; it means: **to call alongside**; to advocate, help, call near, and strengthen, which is what the Holy Spirit does; ask Him to help:

comfort... lend help... strengthen one another with these words.

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