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Worship Service  
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## 1 Thessalonians: Holiness & Hope in a Hostile World

Lesson Fourteen • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

### Christians Grieve Too

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Death causes Christians to grieve too; but we grieve DIFFERENTLY than the world because we grieve with hope in Jesus as we await His return.

*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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. 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.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

#### Common Question Among Christians

What happens to Christians who die?

#### Christians Grieve Too, But We Grieve Differently

### 1. We Grieve Differently Because We See DEATH Differently!

#### Paul's Distinction in Death

- Don't be UNINFORMED about those who are asleep (v. 13).

"Asleep" is a euphemism for death; it is like falling asleep, and implies a future "awakening."

- Don't grieve as UNBELIEVERS do who have no hope (v. 13).

### 2. We Grieve Differently Because We Have HOPE in Jesus Christ!

#### Paul's Confession of Faith

- Our hope is based on the foundation of Christ's RESURRECTION; therefore, the dead in Christ will be raised (v. 14).
- Our hope is based on the promise of Christ's RETURN; therefore, the dead in Christ will not be left behind (v. 15-17).

### 3. We Grieve Differently Because We KNOW There Is No Downside to Death for Those in Christ!

#### Paul's Declaration of Hope

The dead in Christ are not DISADVANTAGED when they die before the coming of the Lord (v. 15).

#### Takeaway

Because death causes Christians to grieve too, ENCOURAGE one another with hope in Jesus Christ.

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

#### How to Encourage One Another

- ❖ After a Christian dies, TALK about your hope in Christ with one another.
- ❖ Before you die, TESTIFY about your salvation in Christ to one another.