

**“Something Better is Coming”**

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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***Introduction:***

- A. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Sound \_\_\_\_\_ gives us great confidence, assurance, and comfort.

***I. Exploring the Text.***

- A. The phrase “do not want you to be ignorant” was a common formula used to introduce \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. “Sleep” was a common euphemism for \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. In the face of death, the pagan world stood in \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. We grieve with \_\_\_\_\_ because we know that death is not the \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus provides the foundation for our hope.
- F. Those dead when Jesus returns will not be \_\_\_\_\_ in any way.
- G. Paul’s emphasis in these verses is not on the sequence of \_\_\_\_\_, but on the outcome and \_\_\_\_\_ of all of this.

***II. Applying the Text.***

- A. Death is a subject that everyone wants to \_\_\_\_\_ about, but no one wants to \_\_\_\_\_ about.
- B. Books that claim to offer a glimpse into what happens after \_\_\_\_\_ are often \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Truths we learn from today’s verses:
  - 1. Death is not an \_\_\_\_\_, but is a transition to something \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. The blessing of the afterlife is not so much a \_\_\_\_\_ as it is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. What we know and believe about the \_\_\_\_\_ should shape how we live in the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. We should strive to live \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ lives.
    - b. We should strive to share the \_\_\_\_\_ with others.
    - c. We should strive to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord with our whole \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_, for something \_\_\_\_\_ is coming.

Answer Key: Intro. A. coming, again. B. Theology. I.A. information. I.B. death. I.C. despair. I.D. hope, end. I.E. resurrection. I.F. disadvantaged. I.G. details, results. II.A. know, talk. II.B. death, best, sellers. II.C.1. end, better. II.C.2. place, relationship. II.C.3. future, present. II.C.3.a. holy, godly. II.C.3.b. good, news. II.C.3.c. serve, selves. II.D. fork, better.