

“Encourage One Another with These Words”
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*The reality of the resurrection, the imminent and commanding coming of Christ, and our permanent presence with Christ in the future provides a basis for Christian hope in the face of death and warrants that we encourage one another with these words.*

Introduction: Why We Grieve

Key References—John 11:35; Matthew 5:4; Hebrews 2:15; Hebrews 2:14

Christ’s Resurrection is Real

Key References—Romans 1:17; Exodus 34:6; Romans 8:1; Hebrews 12:2

Christ’s Arrival is Imminent

Key References—Matthew 24:36, 25:13; Mark 13:32; Matthew 25:13; Luke 12:35-38; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 53; 1 Peter 1:23; Romans 16:20; 1 Corinthians 15:25

Christ’s Coming Will Be Commanding

Key References—Revelation 22:20; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:14-15; Revelation 20:13

Christ’s Presence Will Be Permanent

Key References—Matthew 28:20; John 14:22-23, 16:13-15; Matthew 9:15

Conclusion: Encourage One Another with These Words