

Message #4  
4:13-5:11

# 1 Thessalonians

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*3:13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints*

*Meeting the Lord*



## Major Themes

1. Return of Christ (16 times!)
2. Suffering in Persecution
3. Methods & Motives for Ministry
4. Idleness in the Church
5. Sexuality—Sanctified or Otherwise...

# How should the Thessalonians prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

1:1-3:13—by receiving the word. *(split into 2 messages)*

4:1-12—by growing in love for others through a holy sexual ethic and a holy social ethic.

***4:13-5:11—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by...***

5:12-5:28—by completing their sanctification (5:23-24).




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

4:13-5:11—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by ***encouraging each other with the truth of His return.***

4:18—Encourage one another.

5:11—Encourage one another and build up one another.



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# Encourage each other about our *Eternal Company*. [4:13-18]

Who will be there? 4:16—All those “in Christ”.

Who will be there? 4:17—The Eternal God, King Jesus Himself!

# 1 Thess. 4:13-5:11

The timing is only known to God

Believers told to watch and work

Jesus descends from heaven and unbelievers aren't ready

A Shout of Command

An Archangel Voice

Trumpet of God

**Dead in Christ Rise First**

Then all believers ascend bodily

In the clouds

Obtaining salvation as an inheritance

Wrath comes upon unbelievers

# Matthew 24-25

The timing is only known to God

Believers told to watch and work

**Great signs in the heaven**

Son of man in heaven and unbelievers aren't ready

Rev. 16:17 A Loud voice

Angels sent out

Loud trumpet call

Elect gathered

A cloud

Enter into the kingdom

Wrath comes upon unbelievers

Amillennial



Tribulation/Millennium/Church Age



Eternal State

Pre-Trib



Wrath of God



Millennium

Mid-Trib



Wrath of God



Pre-Wrath



Wrath of God



Post-Trib



Rapture



7 Year Tribulation

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# Encourage each other about our *Eternal Destiny*. [5:1-11]

“The highest of missionary motives is... concern for His Imperial Majesty Jesus Christ, and the glory of his empire [which will soon be established unconquerable and eternal].”



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prepare to Meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

4:13-5:11 by encouraging one another  
with the truth about His return...

We will be with Jesus and His people.

We are destined to inherit salvation.

# How should the Thessalonians prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

1:1-3:13—They were, in one sense, already prepared because they received the word.

4:1-12—Grow in love for others through a holy sexual ethic and a holy social ethic.

4:13-5:11—Encourage each other with the truth about His coming; our eternal company and destiny.

5:12-5:28—Complete their sanctification (5:23-24).