

- 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...

Nessas 5: 1

## 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).



4:13-5:11—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.



## 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

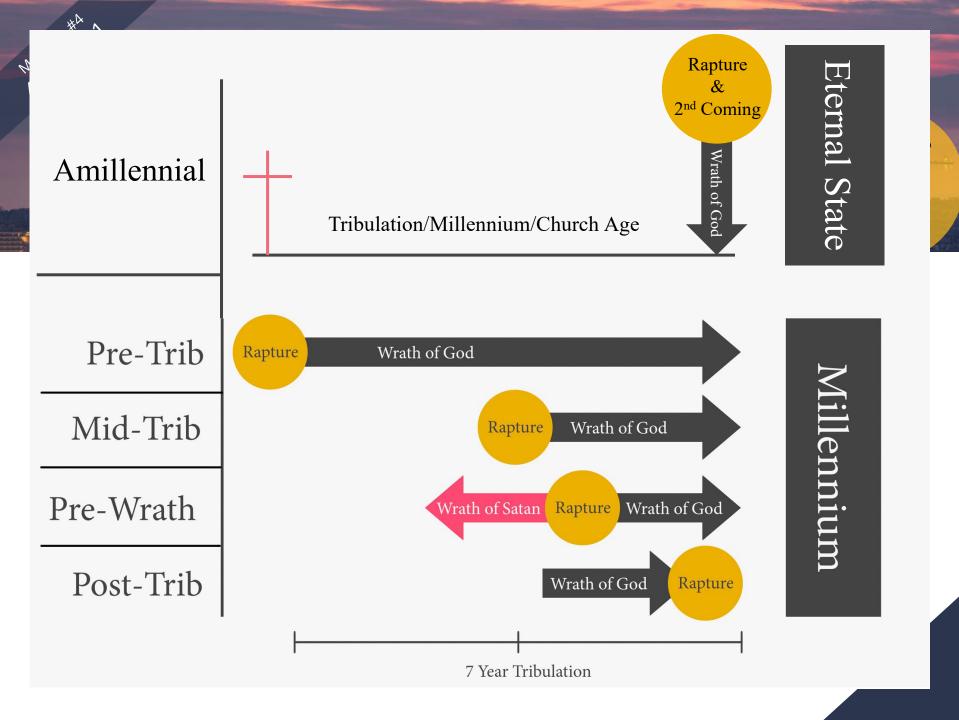
Loud trumpet call

Elect gathered

A cloud

Enter into the kingdom

Wrath comes upon unbelievers





# 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]."



## How should the Thessalonians 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).