

# Those Who are Sleeping

1THS 4:13-18; PHP 1:21-25; 1COR 15:12-20; 2COR 5:1, 6-9

## INTRODUCTION:

Funerals for believers



★ Grief may be \_\_\_\_\_ by the hope of an eternal life to come.

1. Paul heard about some \_\_\_\_\_ in the church. (4:13)
  - a. Dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ is a critical life-skill for every believer.
  - b. A \_\_\_\_\_ view of the afterlife can make grieving worse.
  - c. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ way to grieve – a way of hope!
2. Paul reminded them about their theological \_\_\_\_\_. (4:14)
  - a. Jesus died and was \_\_\_\_\_ again to life.
  - b. By \_\_\_\_\_, those who are asleep will also be raised from the dead.
  - c. God is sending Jesus to get his \_\_\_\_\_ soon.
3. Paul revealed some more eschatological \_\_\_\_\_ and plans. (4:15-17)
  - a. Some of us will still be alive when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Jesus will come from \_\_\_\_\_ to get us.
  - c. We won't be able to \_\_\_\_\_ his appearance!
  - d. We will be \_\_\_\_\_ with our loved ones at this return.
  - e. We will then be in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus forever!
4. Paul intended these few details to \_\_\_\_\_ us while we wait. (4:18)
  - a. Eschatology is intended to bring \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ it often with each other as we experience death.

## CONCLUSION:

- Place your \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus while you are still living.
- Live a life \_\_\_\_\_ with the gospel.
- Die without \_\_\_\_\_; Live with a longing for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Grieve \_\_\_\_\_ uniquely – come alongside each other with love to re-establish a confident hope in Jesus and his soon return.