

Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Christ is risen from the dead
so be confident of hope in the face of grief.**

Be confident of hope in the face of grief. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

**Be confident of hope because of Jesus' resurrection.
(1 Thessalonians 4:14-18)**

- Jesus' resurrection is the foundation of our hope.
(1 Thessalonians 1:14a)

- Jesus' resurrection assures us of His return and our resurrection.
(1 Thessalonians 1:14b-17)
 - Jesus will return with deceased Christians.
(1 Thessalonians 1:14b)

 - This will take place at the rapture of all believers in Christ.
(1 Thessalonians 1:15-17)

- We are to encourage one another with this hope.
(1 Thessalonians 1:18)

1. What happened during the last seven days for which you are thankful?
2. How did it go applying what you learned last week?
3. What did you hear in the sermon that was surprising, challenging, troubling, or useful? Explain.
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 aloud (in two different versions if possible).
 - a. What did you like about the passage? What questions do you have after reading it?

 - b. What does this passage tell you about God?

 - c. What does it tell you about humankind?
5. How does the fact that Jesus rose from the dead change the way Christ-followers can experience grief?
6. Because Jesus is risen, we know He is coming again someday. What difference has this fact made in your life?
7. What is God saying to you? What is one thing you can do in the next seven days to obey what God is telling you?