FOCUS togetherness

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Together in Comfort

1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11

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Therefore comfort one another with these words.
—1 Thessalonians 4:18 NKJV

[1]But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. [2]For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. [3]For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. [4]But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. [5]You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. [6]Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober… [11]Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.
—1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 11 NKJV

1) The Bible declares the imminent, visible and bodily return of Christ to planet earth.

"Anyone can write history, but only God can write prophesy."
—John Bisagno

2) This moment in time will happen suddenly and result in judgment and justice under the rule of King Jesus.

"Paul insists that the doctrine of the return of Christ must be more than a doctrine—it must be a dynamic in our lives and in the ministry of our churches." —Warren Wiersbe

WE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER:

1. Through Our Shared _____

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, [4]who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God… [7]Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort. —2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 7

2. In the Shadow of _____

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[13]But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. [14]For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. [15]For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. [16]For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore comfort one another with these words.

—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NKJV

3. In Our Struggle with _____

[4]But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. [5]You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. [6]Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober… [8]But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

—1 Thessalonians 5:4-6, 8 NKJV

And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. —1 John 3:3

"Our comfort is not found in what is now, but what is next."

[20]He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [21]The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. —Revelation 22:20-21

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