

The Coming of the Lord - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Topics: Assurance, Death, Future, Hope, Jesus Christ, Resurrection, Second Coming

Open It

1. How can the death of a loved one change a person's life?
- * 2. What do you think happens to us when we die?
3. How do you react when you hear predictions about the end of the world?

Explore It

4. What concern was Paul addressing? (4:13-14)
5. How is a Christian's grief over the loss of a loved one different from a non-Christian's grief? (4:13-14)
- * 6. What was the source of Paul's teaching about what happens to those who die? (4:15)
- * 7. What sequence of events will signal the Lord's return? (4:16-17)
8. What effect did Paul believe this teaching about the Lord's return would have on his listeners? (4:18)
- * 9. When will the Lord return? (5:1-2)
10. How will the Lord return? (5:1-3)
11. What contrast is there between believers and non-believers? (5:4-8)
12. What should we do to get ready for the Lord's return? (5:6-8)
13. What roles should faith, hope, and love play in our lives? (5:8)
14. To what does God appoint believers? (5:9-10)
15. For what reason can we be assured of our salvation? (5:9-10)
16. How should a believer use this information to help others? (5:11)

Get It

- * 17. How should a Christian mourn the death of a fellow believer?
18. Who has no hope when they die?
19. What hope do Christians have in death?
20. How can these words help a person who is grieving over loved ones who have died?
21. Why is the date and time of Christ's Second Coming of such interest to many people?
- * 22. What influence should the promise of Christ's Second Coming have on how a person lives day to day?
23. How are faith and love like a breastplate?
24. How is salvation like a helmet?
25. How can talking about God's promises for our future encourage us in our daily lives?

Apply It

26. What can you do to make sure you are ready for Christ's return each day?
- * 27. What hope can you share with someone who is convinced that death is the end of our existence?