


Hope Eradicates Sorrow

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:13-6:11


Focus of the Message: We have hope instead of sorrow because we have embraced the truth the Jesus is coming again!

I. The knowledge that Jesus is coming again gives us the hope that eradicates sorrow. Verses 14-18


A. Faith in the risen Christ is the prerequisite for this hope. Verse 14a

 **Romans 10:9-10** 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.


B. When Jesus comes again, He will bring the departed saints back with Him. Verse 14b

 **2 Corinthians 5:8** We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

C. The bodies of the dead in Christ will rise first. Verses 15-16


 **1 Corinthians 15:51-53** 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

D. We that are still alive shall meet them with the Lord in the air. Verse 17


 **John 14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.


II. The knowledge that we will not be surprised by His coming gives us the hope that eradicates sorrow. Verses 5:1-8


A. Christ will return when people are not expecting Him. Verses 5:1-2

 **Matthew 24:36** But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.


B. When He returns, the Tribulation will begin. Verse 3


 **Matthew 24:21** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.


 **Luke 17:26-29** 26 And as it was in the days of [Noah], so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that [Noah] entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

 **Revelation 6:15-17** 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?


C. But we will not be surprised by His coming. Verses 4-5

 **Revelation 3:11** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

 **Revelation 22:7** Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.


 **Revelation 22:12** And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

D. Therefore, we that are saved should live like we are saved. Verses 6-8


 **Romans 13:11** And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

III. The knowledge that we will not face God's wrath gives us the hope that eradicates sorrow. Verses 9-10

A. Our appointment is not with wrath, but with deliverance. Verse 9

 **1 Thessalonians 1:10** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

B. Nothing can keep God from keeping His promise to deliver us. Verse 10

 **Romans 8:38-39** 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Conclusion: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

If you are saved, when Christ returns, you will not be left behind. He will not forget you. If you embrace this knowledge you will live in hope and not despair. This life is only temporary. What awaits us is the glorious splendor of living together with Him.

But do you know him?

Verse 14a For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again...

Verse 10a Who died for us...

Verse 8 ...and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.