

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO WALK AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF THE APOSTLES AND TO FOLLOW THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE APOSTLES IN PLEASING GOD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WENT ON TO WARN THE BRETHREN TO GUARD AGAINST THE LUSTFUL DESIRES OF THE FLESH THAT CAN LEAD TO FORNICATION AND THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN THE LOVE OF GOD TOWARDS EACH OTHER AND TOWARDS THE BRETHREN IN THE OTHER CHURCHES IN MACEDONIA.

THE APOSTLE PAUL THEN CONCLUDED THE CHAPTER BY ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN ABOUT **THE DOCTRINE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**, FOR THOSE BRETHREN WHO WOULD HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP AS HE WOULD HAVE TAUGHT DURING THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS WHEN HE VISITED THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 VERSES 1-2

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:1-2, THE APOSTLE PAUL STARTED BY ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO WALK AFTER THEIR EXAMPLE AND TO PLEASE GOD SO THAT THEY WOULD ABOUND MORE AND MORE IN THE GRACE AND THE LOVE OF GOD.

1 Thess 4:1-2 (KJV) 1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us HOW YE OUGHT TO WALK AND TO PLEASE GOD, SO YE WOULD ABOUND MORE AND MORE.

1 Thess 4:2 (KJV) 2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD WALKING PLEASING TO GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST.

TO WALK PLEASING TO GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY FOLLOWING AND SUBMITTING TO THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Rom 8:1 (KJV) 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT.

Rom 8:4 (KJV) 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT.

1 Cor 4:15-17 (KJV) 15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

1 Cor 4:16 (KJV) 16 WHEREFORE I BESEECH YOU, BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME.

1 Cor 4:17 (KJV) 17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, WHO SHALL BRING YOU INTO REMEMBRANCE OF MY WAYS WHICH BE IN CHRIST, AS I TEACH EVERY WHERE IN EVERY CHURCH.

1 Cor 7:17 (KJV) 17 BUT AS GOD HATH DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY MAN, AS THE LORD HATH CALLED EVERY ONE, SO LET HIM WALK. And so ordain I in all churches.

2 Cor 5:7 (KJV) 7 (FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT:)

Gal 1:10 (KJV) 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? FOR IF I YET PLEASSED MEN, I SHOULD NOT BE THE SERVANT OF CHRIST.

Phil 3:17-18 (KJV) 17 BRETHREN, BE FOLLOWERS TOGETHER OF ME, AND MARK THEM WHICH WALK SO AS YE HAVE US FOR AN ENSAMPLE.

Phil 3:18 (KJV) 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Col 1:9-10 (KJV) 9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Col 1:10 (KJV) 10 THAT YE MIGHT WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Thess 2:10-12 (KJV) 10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

1 Thess 2:11 (KJV) 11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

1 Thess 2:12 (KJV) 12 THAT YE WOULD WALK WORTHY OF GOD, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

2 Thess 3:6 (KJV) 6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother THAT WALKETH DISORDERLY, AND NOT AFTER THE TRADITION WHICH HE RECEIVED OF US.

2 Thess 3:11 (KJV) 11 FOR WE HEAR THAT THERE ARE SOME WHICH WALK AMONG YOU DISORDERLY, working not at all, but are busybodies.

WE CAN ONLY PLEASE GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST WHEN WE WALK BY FAITH.

Heb 11:6 (KJV) 6 BUT WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

1 John 2:6 (KJV) 6 HE THAT SAITH HE ABIDETH IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 3-5

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:3-5, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN TO ABSTAIN FROM FORNICATION AND TO LEARN HOW TO POSSESS THEIR

VESSELS OR BODIES BY SETTING APART THE FLESH FOR THE HONOUR OF GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST.

1 Thess 4:3-5 (KJV) 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, THAT YE SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM FORNICATION:

1 Thess 4:4 (KJV) 4 THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW TO POSSESS HIS VESSEL IN SANCTIFICATION AND HONOUR;

1 Thess 4:5 (KJV) 5 Not in THE LUST OF CONCUPISCENCE, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE READ THE EPISTLE FROM THE APOSTLES OF THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH AT JERUSALEM TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA.

THE EPISTLE FROM THE APOSTLES OF THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT JERUSALEM WAS READ TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT ANTIOCH IN SYRIA.

Acts 15:22-29 (KJV) 22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

Acts 15:23 (KJV) 23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia.

Acts 15:24 (KJV) 24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

Acts 15:25 (KJV) 25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

Acts 15:26 (KJV) 26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 15:27 (KJV) 27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

Acts 15:28 (KJV) 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

Acts 15:29 (KJV) 29 That ye ABSTAIN from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, AND FROM FORNICATION: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

THE EPISTLE FROM THE APOSTLES OF THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT JERUSALEM READ TO THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT DERBE AND LYSTRA.

Acts 16:1-5 (KJV) 1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

Acts 16:2 (KJV) 2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

Acts 16:3 (KJV) 3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

Acts 16:4 (KJV) 4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

Acts 16:5 (KJV) 5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR US TO POSSESS OUR OWN VESSEL IN SANCTIFICATION AND HONOUR TO THE LORD.

Luke 21:19 (KJV) 19 IN YOUR PATIENCE POSSESS YE YOUR SOULS.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS A CHOSEN VESSEL FOR THE SUFFERINGS OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Acts 9:15-16 (KJV) 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for HE IS A CHOSEN VESSEL UNTO ME, TO BEAR MY NAME before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Acts 9:16 (KJV) 16 FOR I WILL SHEW HIM HOW GREAT THINGS HE MUST SUFFER FOR MY NAME'S SAKE.

Rom 9:21-23 (KJV) 21 HATH NOT THE POTTER POWER OVER THE CLAY, OF THE SAME LUMP TO MAKE ONE VESSEL UNTO HONOUR, AND ANOTHER UNTO DISHONOUR?

Rom 9:22 (KJV) 22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Rom 9:23 (KJV) 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Rom 12:1 (KJV) 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.

Rom 13:14 (KJV) 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, AND MAKE NOT PROVISION FOR THE FLESH, TO FULFIL THE LUSTS THEREOF.

1 Cor 9:27 (KJV) 27 BUT I KEEP UNDER MY BODY, AND BRING IT INTO SUBJECTION: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

2 Cor 4:7 (KJV) 7 BUT WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Gal 5:16-17 (KJV) 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, AND YE SHALL NOT FULFIL THE LUST OF THE FLESH.

Gal 5:17 (KJV) 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

1 Thess 5:23 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and **BODY BE PRESERVED BLAMELESS UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

2 Tim 2:20-21 (KJV) 20 But in **A GREAT HOUSE THERE ARE NOT ONLY VESSELS OF GOLD AND OF SILVER,** but also of wood and of earth; **AND SOME TO HONOUR, AND SOME TO DISHONOUR.**

2 Tim 2:21 (KJV) 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, **HE SHALL BE A VESSEL UNTO HONOUR, SANCTIFIED, AND MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE, AND PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK.**

THE EXAMPLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL WHO HAD TO OVERCOME THE LUST IN HIS FLESH AND BRING HIS BODY INTO SUBJECTION TO JESUS CHRIST.

THE APOSTLE WROTE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE OF LUST IN HIS FLESH TOWARDS THE SISTERS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Rom 7:7-8 (KJV) 7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for **I HAD NOT KNOWN LUST,** except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Rom 7:8 (KJV) 8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, **WROUGHT IN ME ALL MANNER OF CONCUPISCENCE.** For without the law sin was dead.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS MINDFUL THAT HIS BODY WAS BEING KEPT IN SUBJECTION SO THAT HE DID NOT BECOME A CASTAWAY OR UNAPPROVED BEFORE GOD.

1 Cor 9:26-27 (KJV) 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

1 Cor 9:27 (KJV) 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: **LEST THAT BY ANY MEANS, WHEN I HAVE PREACHED TO OTHERS, I MYSELF SHOULD BE A CASTAWAY.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON GENTILES WHO KNOW NOT GOD.

Eph 2:11-12 (KJV) 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
Eph 2:12 (KJV) 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD:

2 Thess 1:8 (KJV) 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on THEM THAT KNOW NOT GOD, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Titus 1:16 (KJV) 16 THEY PROFESS THAT THEY KNOW GOD; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 6

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:6, THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE DEFRAUDING OR OVERSTEPPING OR GOING BEYOND PROPER LIMITS IN RELATING TO EACH OTHER IN ANY MATTER.

1 Thess 4:6 (KJV) 6 THAT NO MAN GO BEYOND AND DEFRAUD HIS BROTHER IN ANY MATTER: BECAUSE THAT THE LORD IS THE AVENGER OF ALL SUCH, AS WE ALSO HAVE FOREWARNED YOU AND TESTIFIED.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE

2 Cor 7:2 (KJV) 2 Receive us; WE HAVE WRONGED NO MAN, WE HAVE CORRUPTED NO MAN, we have defrauded no man.

2 Cor 12:17-18 (KJV) 17 DID I MAKE A GAIN OF YOU by any of them whom I sent unto you?

2 Cor 12:18 (KJV) 18 I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. DID TITUS MAKE A GAIN OF YOU? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

Jude 1:16 (KJV) 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having MEN'S PERSONS IN ADMIRATION BECAUSE OF ADVANTAGE.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 7

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:7, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGES THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA THAT THEY WERE CALLED TO BECOME HOLY AS GOD THE FATHER IS HOLY.

1 Thess 4:7 (KJV) 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, BUT UNTO HOLINESS.

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON THE HOLINESS OF GOD BY THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Rom 6:18-22 (KJV) 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Rom 6:19 (KJV) 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; EVEN SO NOW YIELD YOUR MEMBERS SERVANTS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO HOLINESS.

Rom 6:20 (KJV) 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

Rom 6:21 (KJV) 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

Rom 6:21 (KJV) 21 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, YE HAVE YOUR FRUIT UNTO HOLINESS, AND THE END EVERLASTING LIFE.

Col 1:19-22 (KJV) 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

Col 1:20 (KJV) 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Col 1:21 (KJV) 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Col 1:22 (KJV) 22 In the body of his flesh through death, TO PRESENT YOU HOLY AND UNBLAMEABLE AND UNREPROVEABLE IN HIS SIGHT:

Heb 12:14-15 (KJV) 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD:

Heb 12:15 (KJV) 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Matt 5:8 (KJV) 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (KJV) 15 BUT AS HE WHICH HATH CALLED YOU IS HOLY, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1 Peter 1:16 (KJV) 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I AM HOLY.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 8-10

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:8-10, THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN BY GOD THE FATHER TO US AS THE SEAL OF GOD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN TO CONTINUE IN THE LOVE OF GOD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CHURCH AND TO INCREASE IN THE LOVE OF GOD EVEN MORE.

1 Thess 4:8-10 (KJV) 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, WHO HATH ALSO GIVEN UNTO US HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Thess 4:9 (KJV) 9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: FOR YE YOURSELVES ARE TAUGHT OF GOD TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

1 Thess 4:10 (KJV) 10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE SEAL OF GOD BY THE
INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

2 Cor 1:21-22 (KJV) 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

2 Cor 1:22 (KJV) 22 Who hath also sealed us, and GIVEN THE EARNEST OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS.

Eph 1:10-13 (KJV) 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Eph 1:11 (KJV) 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Eph 1:12 (KJV) 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Eph 1:13 (KJV) 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, YE WERE SEALED WITH THAT HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE.

Eph 4:30 (KJV) 30 AND GRIEVE NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, WHEREBY YE ARE SEALED UNTO THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE BRETHERN BEING
ENCOURAGED TO ABOUND IN THE LOVE OF GOD BY THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

1 Thess 1:7 (KJV) 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

1 Thess 3:12-13 (KJV) 12 AND THE LORD MAKE YOU TO INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE ONE TOWARD ANOTHER, AND TOWARD ALL MEN, EVEN AS WE DO TOWARD YOU:

1 Thess 3:13 (KJV) 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 John 2:27 (KJV) 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 11-12

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:11-12, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO BE EXAMPLES OF FOLLOWING AFTER JESUS CHRIST AND THE APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST TO THOSE THAT ARE WITHOUT (WHO DO NOT BELONG TO THE CHURCH OF GOD.)

1 Thess 4:11-12 (KJV) 11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

1 Thess 4:12 (KJV) 12 THAT YE MAY WALK HONESTLY TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE BRETHREN WALKING TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

1 Cor 9:19-23 (KJV) 19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

1 Cor 9:20 (KJV) 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

1 Cor 9:21 (KJV) 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

1 Cor 9:22 (KJV) 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I AM MADE ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN, THAT I MIGHT BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME.

1 Cor 9:23 (KJV) 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

Phil 4:5 (KJV) 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Col 4:5 (KJV) 5 Walk in wisdom TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, redeeming the time.

1 Thess 5:22 (KJV) 22 ABSTAIN FROM ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 13-14

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:13-14, THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, WHICH IS AT THE LAST OF THE SEVEN (7) TRUMPETS OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION IN THE FULFILMENT OF THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS AT THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE APOSTLE WROTE ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE FIRST RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD WHICH WAS EVIDENCE THAT THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE VISITED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA DURING THE SEVENTH MONTH AROUND THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS.

GOD THE FATHER WHO RAISED UP JESUS CHRIST BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ALSO RAISE US UP BY JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Thess 4:13-14 (KJV) 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, CONCERNING THEM WHICH ARE ASLEEP, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1 Thess 4:14 (KJV) 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, EVEN SO THEM ALSO WHICH SLEEP IN JESUS WILL GOD BRING WITH HIM.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD GUARDING AGAINST BECOMING SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP BEFORE PHYSICAL DEATH.

Rom 13:11-12 (KJV) 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.

Rom 13:12 (KJV) 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

1 Cor 15:34 (KJV) 34 AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND SIN NOT; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

Eph 5:14 (KJV) 14 Wherefore he saith, AWAKE THOU THAT SLEEPEST, AND ARISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST SHALL GIVE THEE LIGHT.

THERE IS "A SLEEP" OR DEATH FOR THOSE CALLED AS FIRSTFRUITS OF GOD TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD TO ETERNAL JUDGMENT FOR ETERNAL LIFE OR ETERNAL DEATH.

THERE IS "A SLEEP" OR DEATH FOR THE REST OF THE DEAD NOT CALLED TO BE THE FIRSTFRUITS OF GOD IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION TO THE SECOND RESURRECTION TO PHYSICAL LIFE AND THEN A JUDGMENT WHICH IS PERIOD OF TIME FOR EVIDENCE GATHERING BEFORE FINAL JUDGEMENT FOR ETERNAL LIFE OR ETERNAL DEATH.

EXAMPLE OF THE SAINTS WHO WERE ASLEEP AND WERE RESURRECTED TO PHYSICAL LIFE DURING THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST.

**Matt 27:52-53 (KJV) 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,
Matt 27:53 (KJV) 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**

EXAMPLE OF LAZARUS WHO WAS ASLEEP AND WAS RESURRECTED TO PHYSICAL LIFE DURING THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST.

John 11:11-14 (KJV) 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

John 11:12 (KJV) 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

John 11:13 (KJV) 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

John 11:14 (KJV) 14 THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THEM PLAINLY, LAZARUS IS DEAD.

John 11:43-44 (KJV) 43 And when he thus had spoken, HE CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, LAZARUS, COME FORTH.

John 11:44 (KJV) 44 AND HE THAT WAS DEAD CAME FORTH, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, LOOSE HIM, AND LET HIM GO.

WHEN WE DIE PHYSICALLY ON THE EARTH OUR RESURRECTION WILL OCCUR FROM THE LOCATION WHERE OUR BODY RESTED IN THE DUST OR EARTH.

Rev 20:11-13 (KJV) 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 (KJV) 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD TO PHYSICAL LIFE WILL BE FROM THE LOCATION WHERE THE BODY RESTED IN THE DUST OR THE EARTH OR THE SEA IN THE EARTH AROUND THE WORLD.

Rev 20:13 (KJV) 13 AND THE SEA GAVE UP THE DEAD WHICH WERE IN IT; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Gen 2:7 (KJV) 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE; AND MAN BECAME A LIVING SOUL.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE DEAD OF THE FIRSTFRUITS OF GOD WHO WOULD HAVE DIED HAVING THE HOLY SPIRIT, WILL BE RAISED UP BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE FIRST RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

Rom 8:9-11 (KJV) 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:10 (KJV) 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 (KJV) 11 BUT IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM THAT RAISED UP JESUS FROM THE DEAD DWELL IN YOU, HE THAT RAISED UP CHRIST FROM THE DEAD SHALL ALSO QUICKEN YOUR MORTAL BODIES BY HIS SPIRIT THAT DWELLETH IN YOU.

1 Cor 6:14 (KJV) 14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

2 Cor 4:14 (KJV) 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 15-17

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:15-17, THE APOSTLE PAUL DESCRIBES THE TIMING OF THE FIRST RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD WHICH OCCURS DURING THE FULFILMENT OF THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS.

THOSE IN THIS THE FIRST RESURRECTION WILL BE GATHERED BY THE ANGELS OF GOD AND CARRIED INTO THE SECOND HEAVEN AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST TO BE ETERNALLY JUDGED FOR ETERNAL LIFE OR ETERNAL DEATH.

1 Thess 4:15-17 (KJV) 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1 Thess 4:16 (KJV) 16 FOR THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE TRUMP OF GOD: AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST:

1 Thess 4:17 (KJV) 17 THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Dan 12:1-2 KJV) 1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Dan 12:2 KJV) 2 AND MANY OF THEM THAT SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALL AWAKE, SOME TO EVERLASTING LIFE, AND SOME TO SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT.

John 5:28-29 (KJV) 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
John 5:29 (KJV) 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE; and they that have done evil, unto THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION.

1 Cor 15:23 (KJV) 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; AFTERWARD THEY THAT ARE CHRIST'S AT HIS COMING.

THE APOSTLE PAUL DESCRIBED THE LAST TRUMPET OF THE SEVEN TRUMPETS OF GOD TO THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH IN THE FULFILMENT OF THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS.

1 Cor 15:51-54 (KJV) 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all SLEEP, but we shall all be changed,

1 Cor 15:52 (KJV) 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.

1 Cor 15:53 (KJV) 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Cor 15:54 (KJV) 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Rev 11:15-18 (KJV) 15 AND THE SEVENTH ANGEL SOUNDED; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Rev 11:16 (KJV) 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Rev 11:17 (KJV) 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Rev 11:18 (KJV) 18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, AND THE TIME OF THE DEAD, THAT THEY SHOULD BE JUDGED, AND THAT THOU SHOULDEST GIVE REWARD UNTO THY SERVANTS THE PROPHETS, AND TO THE SAINTS, AND THEM THAT FEAR THY NAME, SMALL AND GREAT; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

2 Cor 5:10 (KJV) 10 FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Heb 9:27 (KJV) 27 AND AS IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT:

1 John 2:28 (KJV) 28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE MAY HAVE CONFIDENCE, AND NOT BE ASHAMED BEFORE HIM AT HIS COMING.

THE ANGELS OF GOD WILL BE GATHERING THE FIRSTFRUITS OF GOD IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION TO TRANSPORT THE TO THE SECOND HEAVEN TO BE JUDGED BY JESUS CHRIST. SATAN AND HIS ANGELS WILL NOT BE IN THE SECOND HEAVEN BUT WOULD HAVE BEEN CAST DOWN TO THE EARTH IN REVELATION 12:7-9.

Matt 24:29-31 (KJV) 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Matt 24:30 (KJV) 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matt 24:31 (KJV) 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

MANY USE THE SCRIPTURE **MATTHEW 24:40-41** TO PROVE THAT THE CHURCH WILL BE RAPTURED AWAY BEFORE THE GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD.

JESUS CHRIST PROPHESED THAT THE FULFILLMENT IN **MATTHEW 24:40-41** WILL BE **AFTER THE GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD (MATTHEW 24:29-31)** FOR THOSE WHO ARE FIRSTFRUITS AND ARE ALIVE IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

THOSE ALIVE IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD WILL BE CHANGED INTO A SPIRIT BEINGS IN THE FULFILLMENT OF **THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS**, LEAVING THOSE BEHIND WHO **WERE NOT CALLED TO THE FIRST RESURRECTION.**

Matt 24:40-41 (KJV) 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Matt 24:41 (KJV) 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

THERE IS A DECEPTION BEING TAUGHT AGAINST THE TRUTH OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE FIRSTFRUITS OF GOD BY

JESUS CHRIST IN WHAT IS BEING PROMOTED AS A RAPTURE THEOLOGY.

RAPTURE THEOLOGY IS A DOCTRINE THAT CLAIMS THAT SOME CHRISTIANS WILL BE SECRETLY TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN BEFORE THE GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD UPON THE EARTH.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE SCRIPTURES BEING USED TO SUPPORT THE RAPTURE THEOLOGY:

MATTHEW 24:40-41; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:17; JOHN 14:3; LUKE 17:34-37; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10; LUKE 10:20.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 18

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4:18, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO COMFORT EACH OTHER WITH THE WORDS WRITTEN IN HIS EPISTLE TO THEM.

1 Thess 4:18 (KJV) 18 WHEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE COMFORT OF GOD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND IN THE SCRIPTURES.

Rom 15:4 (KJV) 4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and COMFORT OF THE SCRIPTURES MIGHT HAVE HOPE.

2 Cor 1:3-5 (KJV) 3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT;

2 Cor 1:4 (KJV) 4 WHO COMFORTETH US IN ALL OUR TRIBULATION, THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO COMFORT THEM WHICH ARE IN ANY TROUBLE, BY THE COMFORT WHEREWITH WE OURSELVES ARE COMFORTED OF GOD.

2 Cor 1:5 (KJV) 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

2 Cor 7:6-7 (KJV) 6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, COMFORTED US BY THE COMING OF TITUS;

2 Cor 7:7 (KJV) 7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, WHEN HE TOLD US YOUR EARNEST DESIRE, YOUR MOURNING, YOUR FERVENT MIND TOWARD ME; so that I rejoiced the more.

2 Cor 13:11 (KJV) 11 Finally, brethren, farewell. BE PERFECT, BE OF GOOD COMFORT, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE EPISTLES BEING READ IN ALL THE CHURCHES OF GOD FOR THE COMFORT OF THE BRETHREN.

1 Thess 5:27 (KJV) 27 I charge you by the Lord that THIS EPISTLE BE READ UNTO ALL THE HOLY BRETHREN.

2 Thess 2:15 (KJV) 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions WHICH YE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, WHETHER BY WORD, OR OUR EPISTLE.

2 Thess 3:14 (KJV) 14 AND IF ANY MAN OBEY NOT OUR WORD BY THIS EPISTLE, NOTE THAT MAN, AND HAVE NO COMPANY WITH HIM, THAT HE MAY BE ASHAMED.