

WHAT DID PAUL SAY ABOUT JESUS' 2ND COMING (1 & 2 Thessalonians)?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. v13-14 Who are those that are asleep?
Why do you think the 'brethren' must not sorrow or grieve?
Who are the 'others' that Paul is referring to and why do they have no hope?
(Read 2 Cor 5:8, Phil 1:21-24, John 5:24-29)
What does it mean to "sleep in Jesus"?
If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, what can we be sure of regarding those that have died?

2. v15-18 Who are those that "are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord"? (v15)
What will happen to those that "are asleep"? (v15)
Describe 4 features of the "coming of the Lord". (v16-17)
Who are the "dead in Christ"?
What do you think does "caught up together..... in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air" refer to? Is this the rapture?
Who will be caught up first? Does this passage say that Jesus will come down to the earth after meeting us in the clouds?
What are the comparisons between Matt 24:30-31 and 1 Thess 4:16-17?
With what words can we comfort each other? (v17-18)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

3. v1-3 What do you think are the "times and the seasons"?
What is the "day of the Lord" that Paul is talking about? (v2, 1 Thess 4:15-17)
For whom does the "day of the Lord" come as a thief? (v2-3)
Why do you think would they experience peace and safety? (v3, Rev 13:16-17)
From what will they not be able to escape?

4. v4 What do you think does it mean if the brethren "are not in darkness, that that day should overtake them as a thief"?
What "day" is Paul talking about?
If we are "not in darkness", does this imply we will know the "times and seasons" when Jesus is coming again?

5. v5-8 What does it mean if we are "all the children of light"?
How can we "watch and be sober"? (v8)
In Matt 24, Jesus says we have to watch and be ready. Do you agree that Paul also warns us to be watchful and ready?
When we watch, will we be able to know when Jesus' coming is close?

What do you think is the “breastplate of faith and love”?
How can the “hope of salvation” be our helmet?

6. v9-11 What do you think does it mean that “God has not appointed us to wrath”?
(Col 3:4-6, Rom 5:9, Heb 10:30-31, 2 Pet 2:9, 2 Pet 3:7)
Who do you think will experience the wrath of God?
We obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us. What
encouragement can you draw from the following: “whether we wake or
sleep, we live together with Him”?
Why do you think we need to comfort and edify each other?

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

7. v1-2 What is Paul referring to when he says “by the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ, and by our gathering unto him”? (v1)
Why do you think must we not be shaken or be alarmed? (v2)
What is the “day of Christ”? (v2)
8. v3-4 About what day will men try and deceive us?
What is “that day” Paul is speaking about?
What will these men say about “that day”?
What are the two things that will happen before “that day”?
What do you think does “falling away” mean? Does Paul refer to believers or
non-believers?
Who do you think is the “man of sin” and “son of perdition”?
What will the “son of perdition” do?
Can we come to the conclusion that this could be the “abomination of
desolation”?