

I THESSALONIANS 4:13-5:11

Review your memory verses (I Thessalonians 1:2-4, 1:6, 2:8, 3:2-3, 3:12, 4:11).

1. Write the memory verse from I Thessalonians that has helped you most so far and tell why.

Memorize I Thessalonians 4:16-17.

Read I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 through 2 or 3 times. ____ ____ ____

Reread I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

2. Evidently when Timothy returned to Paul he brought word that the Thessalonians were confused and questioning on a certain issue. According to Paul's response in verses 13-18, write out what you think could be their question.
3. Notice that these verses refer 3 times to those who are or have fallen asleep (verses 13, 14, 15). What does this mean according to verse 16?
4. What will happen to those who are in Christ (believers) and die before He returns to earth?
5. What will happen to those who remain alive until Jesus returns?

6. How does Paul substantiate these facts? (See verses 14 and 15.)

7. From verses 13 and 18 what were the two reasons Paul had for writing about this issue?

8. Why are these facts an encouragement to you?

9. Think about and comment on the phrase "that you may not grieve as do the rest who have no hope."

10. Write out a prayer of thanksgiving to God on the basis of the facts given in 4:13-18. (Paul wrote out some of his prayers.)

Read I Thessalonians 5:1-11.

11. What main idea is Paul addressing in this section?

17. What truth from this passage (I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11) was most helpful to you at this time?
18. One hymn that reflects our faith and emphasizes our hope is “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” by Charles Wesley. Sing or say this hymn to yourself and then sing together in class.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation joins to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!