

Which Trump Are You Concerned More With?

1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:1 - 11

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.

- Theologians today can't agree but with closer observation (me) I would agree that the word "sleep" is death in comparison to those who die not confessing faith in Christ.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

- Once again it is clear he is referring to physical death and that we should all look in great expectation for the resurrection.

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.

- Those that have gone on before do not go ahead of those that remain. There needs to be a discussion on those that have gone and come back which have to explain according to scripture they have not received their resurrected body as of yet but are in his presence.

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:

- The voice of Michael and with a shout of the Lord and a distinct trumpet sound of God.

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.

- Remember, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.
- To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord
2Corinthians 5:8 Therefore it would appear that we are all meeting in the clouds but the direction from which we came can be in question.
- The Apostle Paul assures us of this prolific event.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- Keeping this event in mind keeps the world in its proper perspective and causes us to stay heavenly focused and relevant upon the earth.

WORD STUDY:

The word “sleep” in the New Testament is often used as a euphemism for the “state of physical death.” This is clearly seen in **1 Corinthians 15:18 & 51**, two verses in a passage that depicts the importance of the resurrection of Christ as it relates to both those who are physically dead and those who remain physically alive. The Greek root word in this case, as well as in many others, is *koimao*, which can refer to physical sleep but is also used to refer to physical death.

And this is indeed the word that Paul uses in **1 Thessalonians 4:13 & 15** where it is clear that he is referring to Christians who have passed on from this life. Yet Paul uses a completely different word, which is translated “sleep,” in **1 Thessalonians 5:6, 7, & 10**. The Greek root word in these three verses is *katheudo*, which in addition

to being used at times to refer to the state of slumber is also used in the New Testament to refer to one who is “spiritually asleep,”

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5 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

- There was a belief the day of the Lord had already happened just as today we could fall for a teaching that there is no rapture, or it would have happened all ready.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

2nd time that phrase is used by two prominent New Testament Apostles and Jesus himself also Paul feels strongly they should know the season because it has been rehearsed in their ears enough for them to be spiritually discerning of the time and the season

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

- They (the world under the spirit of anti-Christ) boast they can achieve what is only promised by Christ wholeness in life and free from danger. The ability to achieve a society void of God and his principles. (California)

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

- ‘Darkness covers the earth gross darkness the people’ The spirit of Anti-Christ or the prince of darkness has caused those who are sleeping to be “Unaware”

⁵ Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

- There is no middle ground. This is playing out clearly in America. The unbelieving is becoming more depraved and our society is becoming more perverse thus the clash of kingdoms culminates due to the church waking up out of its sleep!

⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

- The only way to see is through the spirit. “Walk in the Spirit.” “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened”

⁷ For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

- Those that are sleep pursue the night and the result is they are unaware what is happening around them and the evident signs of the return of Christ.

⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

- Paul asserts his teaching he gave the Church of Ephesus: Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil!

⁹ For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

- Unfortunately, those who persist in not seeing and repenting or turning away are destined to wrath. The whole of our salvation is not demonstrated in this life but is perfected and fully manifested in the next dimension.

¹⁰ Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

- The word sleep here is different from the previous and lets us know that there will be those who will have missed the mark but will be raptured with him when he returns.

¹¹ Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

- Comfort yourself rehearse this over and over again. 2... You will build up others by sharing the truth of the coming resurrection and the return of Christ. 3... Thessalonians had a reputation for doing that and he was encouraging them to hold message as they have up to this point.