

Our Resurrection Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

What we know about the future has an ability to influence how we live. Believers are called to look to the resurrection of Jesus in order to find hope in the present.

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For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Ecclesiastes 7:2

It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart.

- **The Importance of Our Hope**

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- **The Foundation of Our Hope**

The Foundation of our hope – 3 truths

Truth #1 – Jesus Conquered Death

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Luke 24:1-2

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. **But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.**

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Truth #2 – All Believers Will Conquer Death Through Christ

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Truth #3 – All Believers Will Be With Christ Forever

- **The Effect of Our Hope**

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