

DISCUSSION QUERIES

1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11

READ 4:13-14

How do faith and hope work together?

- Faith in Jesus, died and risen to life.
- Hope to live again after death.

How can God bring “with Jesus” the dead who are in the ground?

- See verse 17

READ 4:15-17

The dead and the living will neither ‘be raptured’ nor rise until after what event happens first?

- The coming of the Lord (15)

Then what?

- We will meet the Lord ‘in the air’ (17).
- We will always be with the Lord

READ 4:18

What is the emotional impact of these words on Christian believers?

- Comfort

Whose ministry responsibility is it to explain these words to Christians?

- One another

Why have Christians been so willing to risk their lives to defend others?

- They are assured that they will live again when Jesus shall come.

READ 5:1-2

What is the ‘Day of the Lord’?

- According to the prophets, the Lord will come one day to defeat his enemies.

Who first taught that it would come ‘as a thief in the night’?

- Jesus in Matthew 24:43; Luke 12:39.

READ 5:3-5

Why will Christians not be surprised by the Day of the Lord?

- Because they are forewarned and are expecting it to come.

Discussion Queries

READ 5:6-8

What is the proper Christian attitude towards the end-times?

- Keep awake (alert) and sober.

What will protect Christians during the end times?

- Faith, love and hope of salvation.

READ 5:9-10

What will happen to Christians who remain alive as the end times arrive?

- Salvation (4:16-17).

What will happen to Christians who are not watching or staying sober when the Lord will appear?

- Both those who watch and those who do not will live with Jesus.

What will happen to those on earth after the Christians will have departed?

- Wrath

READ 5:11

What is the emotional impact of this doctrine on Christian believers?

- Encouragement

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