

After listening to the recording of Class #10 of our continuing study of First Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

First Thessalonians Class #10

#1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- A. Were the brethren in Thessalonica uninformed of what would happen after they physically died? Do you ever feel uninformed about the same topic?
- B. Why did Jesus use the term "asleep" as a parallel for someone being physically dead? What do you think of when someone goes to sleep? Will they be awake again?
- C. Read John 11:11-15 & Luke 8:49-56. Will you someday be raised in a better way than Lazarus & Jairus' daughter? How many words did Jesus say for them to be raised from the dead? How long had they each been asleep? Jesus is Lord over...?
- D. Why do we grieve in hope for the faithful saints who are now "sleeping"?
- E. How is it shown that we truly believe Jesus died & rose again?
- F. Why is it comforting to know those who have fallen asleep in Jesus are currently with God? Should this also comfort us when knowing our death is imminent?
- G. Who gave Paul this revelation concerning the Lord's return?
- H. Who gets precedence in the resurrection, those who are asleep or remain alive on earth? How could Paul know this without the Lord telling him?
- I. The Lord Himself will return with a shout, but what will be heard?
- J. Look back through the verses for phrases like "with Him", "in Jesus", "in Christ", & "with the Lord." What do you glean from Paul using these phrases?
- K. When you read the phrase "so we shall always be with the Lord", what does that stir within your heart about eternity?
- L. What makes this teaching so comforting to the faithful saints? Why is it comforting when a faithful saint "falls asleep" in Jesus?
- M. Should knowing these things effect the way we live in Jesus everyday? How?

#2. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

- A. Who will repay those who afflict the saints?
- B. Who is the bearer of vengeance? [Romans 12:17-21] Who is not the bearer?
- C. The Lord Jesus is coming with His mighty angels in flaming fire. [awesome, huh?] Want peace by the blood of Jesus or vengeance for the blood of Jesus?
- D. What two distinct groups will God be dealing out retribution to?
- E. How is eternal destruction described in verse 9?
- F. Will you be ready to glorify the Lord when He returns on that day?
- G. Why will those who have believed marvel when we see Jesus?
- H. What are the benefits of the Lord revealing these things to us?

#3. Read 1 Corinthians 15 (During the coming week, read this to prepare for next weeks class.)