

# JESUS CAN comfort

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*“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. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 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. 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: 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. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18)*

## INTRODUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

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*“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” (Matthew 24:6, 11)*

**Quote:** “For Christians who view these changing times through the lens of Scripture, the unfolding prophecies, as concerning as they may be politically or economically, are actually encouraging rather than discouraging. The development of end times prophecies points our focus upward.”—**Paul Chappell**, *Understanding the Times*

*“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” (Titus 2:13)*

# 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Return

## A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Coming

*“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.” (2 Peter 3:3-4)*

**Quote:** “The rapture is not simply a prophetic possibility; it is an imminent certainty.”—**Paul Chappell**, *Understanding the Times*

*“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:8-9)*

## B. The \_\_\_\_\_ at His Coming

JESUS WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN

WE WILL HEAR THE ARCHANGEL

*“Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.” (Jude 9)*

### Two Coming Events

1. The Rapture
2. The Second Coming

*“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.” (Revelation 19:11)*

*“Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives,*

*which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.” (Zechariah 14:3–4)*

## 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ Ascension

### A. The Order of \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “The believers in Thessalonica were concerned about their loved ones who had died. What if the Lord should return? Would their deceased loved ones be handicapped in any way? Will those who are alive at His coming have an advantage over the believers who have died?”—**Warren Wiersbe**

THE DEAD SHALL RISE FIRST

THOSE THAT REMAIN WILL JOIN

*“And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” (Mark 13:26)*

### B. The Nature of Our \_\_\_\_\_

*“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.” (1 Corinthians 15:42–44)*

*“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” (1 Corinthians 15:53–54)*

THE DEAD ARE UNITED WITH GLORIFIED BODIES

**Quote:** “When a Christian dies, his spirit is immediately taken to Heaven. Second Corinthians 5:8 declares “to be absent from

the body, and to be present with the Lord.” In the Rapture, the soul and spirit of those who have gone before us will be united with their new and glorified bodies.”—**Paul Chappell**, *Understanding the Times*

THE LIVING ARE TRANSFORMED INTO  
GLORIFIED BODIES

### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ **Comfort**

**Definition:** *comfort*—to encourage, come along side of, exhort

#### A. **Comfort in Our** \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** *sorrow*—to cause grief, to make heavy and uneasy

#### B. **Comfort in Christ’s** \_\_\_\_\_

*“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*  
(John 14:2-3)

CONCLUSION \_\_\_\_\_

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