



I THESSALONIANS

Part Forty-Six: "Excellence in Understanding Security, Part 2"

I Thessalonians 4:14-15 *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 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.*

Assurance Regarding Loved Ones

1. Faith in Christ's death and resurrection is the core of the Christian faith.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again

2. Since Christ is risen from the dead, those who die in Christ will also be raised from the dead.

even so them also which sleep in Jesus

3. God directly oversees the well-being of our departed loved ones.

will God bring with him

Truth #1: Faith in Christ's Resurrection
is faith in our own resurrection.

1. This truth is given by the authority of God's Word.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord

2. Believers should live expecting Christ to return in their lifetime.

that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord

3. Those who are living at Christ's return will not have any advantage over those who have died.

shall not prevent them which are asleep

Truth #2: Those who have died in Christ
will not have a lesser resurrection.

When we pray, we must be occupied with the Father's person.

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