

I Thessalonians

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1 Thess 4:13 Interpretive Translation

Now we do not want you to be ignorant (*without knowledge, uninformed*) brethren (*fellow members of the Royal Family of God*) about those who are asleep (*those who have physically died*), in order that you will not grieve as do the rest (*unbelievers*), the ones not having confident expectation.

- **POD** – Paul is communicating this doctrine in order for Christians to maintain their dignity throughout the grieving process over the loss of a loved one.
- **Note this** – Unbelievers will observe your conduct in grieving.
- **POD** – The death of a loved one is an opportunity to **Carpe Occasio** for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as His ambassadors.

1 Thess 4:14-18

(14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

(15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

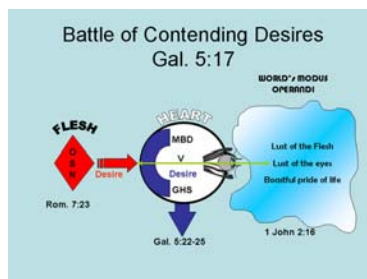
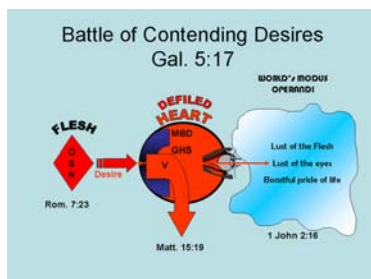
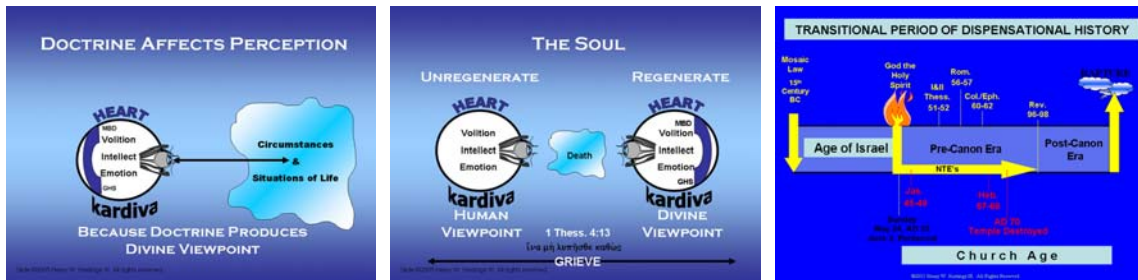
(16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the **trumpet** of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

(17) Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

(18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Trumpet – In the ancient world the trumpet was used to call troops to formation.

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