

LEFT BEHIND

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Theme: Sleeping believers are not disadvantaged at Christ's return

WBC, Sunday a.m. and p.m., January 24, 2016, Pastor Dan Unruh

I. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CHRISTIANS WHO ARE AWAKE (1-12)

A. Make Progress in Christian Living (1-8)

B. Make Progress in Christian Loving (9-12)

II. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CHRISTIANS WHO ARE ASLEEP (13-18)

A. THE BLESSED HOPE (13)

1. An Unearthly Hope

It is not the soul of the believer that is put to sleep (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23), but the body.

2. A Unearthly Hope

Two types of grieving:

a. Those who sorrow with hope

b. Those who sorrow without hope

The "Blessed Hope" is based upon...

B. THE BELIEVER'S FAITH (14)

1. The Gospel (14a)

2. The Gospel (14b)

If you believe the gospel -- that Jesus died and rose again -- then you must believe the gospel -- that His children will rise again!

The "Believer's Faith" is based upon...

C. THE BREATHED WORD (15-18)

Literal translation of 2 Timothy 3:16 is, "All Scripture is God-breathed...."