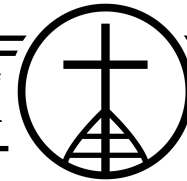


PULPIT CURRICULUM

The Marks of a Good Christian: Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Prayer & Praise: Praise for a wonderful weekend of worship to the Lord, for the many servants of HBC that helped throughout, and for the gospel shared with many from Thursday through Sunday.

Why do Christians talk about life after death?

What was the point Paul was trying to make in talking about 'not grieving as do the rest'?

Have you ever encountered a sense of hopeless grief in relation to life after death? How did you deal with it?

How should Christians talk about life after death?

How does 'speaking the truth in love' from Ephesians 4:15 relate to what Paul was doing in this section?

Who is our hope in life after death?

How has the resurrection of Jesus Christ redeemed the way you think, feel, and talk about life after death?

What is the truth about life after death?

Paul ties together the return of Jesus, the resurrection of the dead in Him, and the rapture of the saints. When you put all those ideas together in your mind, what excites you most? What questions do you still have? Any fears?

Mutual Ministry: Do you spend much time thinking about the second coming of Christ?

How should "looking for the blessed hope" in Jesus Christ's appearing again fit in with your personal worship?

The apostolic church thought more about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ than about death and heaven. The early Christians were looking, not for a cleft in the ground called a grave but for a split in the sky called Glory.

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