

The Death of Our Family and Friends and Ourselves!

Part IV

Here or Gone; Here or There; Awake or Asleep; Present or Absent

For this part, we are now going to include ourselves along with others. A high majority of those ‘others’ are either in deep sorrow because:

- they have no hope;
- they have created their own false hope;
- they are in temporary sorrow because they are looking to themselves rather than their friend or family member and often just pretend the funeral service ‘went well’ and was ‘done beautifully’;
- and/or their pastor has deceived them with the same teachings that have deceived him and are counting on the love of God to come through at their end - .

Then you have those who think they come back reincarnated as some kind of animal or someone else, etc. along with those who follow science and think they just return to dust, possibly evolving again sometime.

But for those who are ‘in the know’ with their knowing the Lord’ according to the Scriptures, etc. this is for them/us. And for those who have already ‘gone on’, then they already know know what is going on for their eternal future.

I sure hope they aren’t shocked, disappointed and scared to their eternal second death by finding out they are just part of Satan’s army because of the words of their lying pastor, that “...*evil man* (person) *and seducer who* continued their waxing *worse and* worse in his ministry, *deceiving, and being deceived*”! ...because they were NOT taught to follow the risen Christ through Paul and their KJB. They knew that “*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution*”. **II Timothy 3:13** – so they went the modern gospel, if they went with any gospel at all, or they just followed their own gospel, designed and detailed by their own education and family heritage, etc.

Let’s go back to **I Thessalonians chapter 4**, but we are only going to look at **verses 13,14. 15-18** is pretty much reserved for ‘later’ (if not possibly sooner than later, though) concerning the ‘rapture’ – or the big ‘cut off’ of the Gentiles (**Romans 11:22**) thus moving into a new dispensation – the tribulation. It is for these reasons – and more – that we know that we / us / you and me / will not have to deal with the CA and NW

earthquakes and volcanoes in Yellowstone, WA and OR, all the pestilences that are beginning to fester already and the 'official' 666 (www) money system and global everything! I suppose that the times will be so hard and the KJB will be so 'rare' (**Amos 8:11-13**), that those idiotic reprobated preachers will possibly try to preach Paul along with their global warming and global religion instead of the correct gospel then!

The new doctrine will be called the gospel of the kingdom, (**Matthew 24**), the return of the kingdom of heaven (**Matthew 24:13+**), the everlasting gospel (**Revelation 13:6,11,12**) and often called Jacob's Trouble – **Jeremiah 30:7** – and it truly will be troubling times of deception, etc. for all involved. Just read **II Thessalonians 2:1-12**.

But, that's not us, so let's get back to us!

I Thessalonians 4:13,14 - *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. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

So, let's look at two words for this part IV, **ABSENT** and **ASLEEP**, when it comes to OUR OWN DEATH – or for someone who rarely and truly knows the RISEN SAVIOUR at the time of their death!

Absent:

- **II Corinthians 4:14** - *Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.*
- **II Corinthians 4:16** - *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*

II Corinthians 5:1-9

- **1** - *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*
- **2** - *For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:*
- **3** - *If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.*
- **4** - *For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.*

- **5** - Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.
- **6** - Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
- **7** - (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)
- **8** - We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
- **9** - Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

Sleep:

- **I Corinthians 15:51,52** - Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- Sleep in Jesus - *them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

Questions:

- mansions as stated in John?
- soul sleep?
- Time realms?
- We have pictures in our mind of this stuff – the large crowds, etc. – Ruckman and others today, against scriptures, actually – and for obvious reasons. Sure – it’s OT, but there is still value to His reasoning – and yet, those that want to follow the law...do they have pictures of ‘Jesus’ in their house, etc.?
 - **Exodus 20:4** - *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:*
 - **Deuteronomy 5:8** *Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:*
- I like the verses in **Daniel 7:9,10**. Not all sure of what it means, but it gives me clues, anyway... crowds! And in Revelation, etc. I just have to wait and see – it will be something, for sure! Can’t even begin to fathom it all – but we can read what God knows we can handle! (Which by the way, that stupid statement about

your daily life, “*God only gives you what you can handle*” is baloney! But it does make sense for what we can learn’, though! **Luke 24:45**. *Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures...* I do believe that Paul in a rightly divided KJB is the way Christ opens our understanding today!

- **II Timothy 2:7** - *Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.*
- **Romans 1:31** - *Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*
- **Ephesian 4:18** - *Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*
- **Colossians 1:9** - *For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*
- **Colossians 2:2** - *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;*

Conclusion

What’s important for us to remember?

When we ‘depart’, as Paul calls it:

- Our outward man will perish!
- We will be absent from the body!
- We will be present with the Lord!
- We will be asleep in Jesus! (present with the Lord)
- God will bring us with Him when He comes!