

Sunday, May 3, 2026

**1 Thessalonians: How the Return of Jesus Changes Everything
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Scripture passage: Revelation 1:1-8

Amazing Grace:

*When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun*

Rock of Ages:

*While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.*

On Christ the Solid Rock:

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.*

How Great Thou Art:

*When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art!*

The Old Rugged Cross:

*To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.*

Jesus Paid It All:

*And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.*

1. It _____ the way we grieve over believing, loved ones who have passed away.

2. It _____ us that our deceased loved ones are, right now, safe and present with the Lord Jesus.

"Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while 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 of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

3. It _____ us to rest our souls on Jesus' promise.

4. It _____ specific details of our future.

"And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."

Matthew 24:31

5. It _____ us to comfort each other.

Applying the Truth:

- Give thanks to God that our saved ones are with Him in heaven and better off than any of us.
- Ensure our grief is seasoned with the hope we have in Jesus.
- Look forward to the day when Jesus comes, and ensure we are ready.
- Comfort one another *with these words*.