

How should we grieve?

Remember that Grief is Biblical

Don't _____ Away

Remember Their Grief

_____ Up

Grieve with Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 | February 18, 2024

A New Topic?

*“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. **1 Thessalonians 1:10***

*For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? **1 Thessalonians 2:19***

*So that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. **1 Thessalonians 3:13***

*Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. **1 Thessalonians 4:17***

*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 5:23***

How does the world grieve?

Thessalonica in the 1st Century

“For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,” **1 Thessalonians 1:9**

Around the World in the 21st Century

Why don't we grieve without hope?

Jesus Died and Rose Again

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.” **1 Corinthians 15:20–23**

“And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.” **Colossians 1:18**

“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” **Revelation 1:17–18**

God will bring deceased believers with Him

Death is like_____

*“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”*

Daniel 12:2