

A Meeting in the Clouds!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—Pastor Lohmeyer

Big Idea: Christian, Jesus Christ will come back for you or with you—either way, you win!

The apostle Paul presents 3 benefits of the PROMISE OF Jesus' return in this great passage:

The first benefit of Jesus' return: it provides _____ for now and the future (vv.13-15a).

- A. The Christian's hope is founded upon _____(v.13).
- B. The Christian's hope is based upon Jesus' atoning sacrifice for _____ (v.14a).
- C. The Christian's hope is focused on seeing loved ones who have _____ in Christ (v.14b).

The second benefit of Jesus' return: it provides _____ concerning the future (vv.15b-17a).

- A. This promise provides clarity concerning the _____ of events at the rapture (vv.16-17).
- B. This promise provides clarity concerning the significance of the _____(v. 15b, 17b-d).

The third benefit of Jesus' return: it provides _____ for our earthly life (v.13-18).

- A. The church must comfort one another with this _____ (v.18).
- B. The church finds comfort in the fact that it will not have to endure the _____ Period (1 Thess. 5: 9-11; 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Revelation 3:10).

How should the teaching of the rapture impact us today?