

# SERMON NOTES

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## The Promise that Makes all the Difference

*(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

- I. What you don't know can hurt you.**  
*(v. 13) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.*
  
- II. Christ did more than just die for your sin.**  
*(v. 14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.*
  
- III. You can stake your eternity on this promise.**  
*(v.15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.*
  
- IV. This event will even wake the dead.**  
*(v.16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of **the** archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*
  
- V. If you believe, you will get caught up in the moment.**  
*(v.17) Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.*