**SHORT GRAVESIDE MESSAGE**

I Thessalonians. 4:15-18

[**15**](http://bible.cc/1_thessalonians/4-15.htm)According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. [**16**](http://bible.cc/1_thessalonians/4-16.htm)For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [**17**](http://bible.cc/1_thessalonians/4-17.htm)After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [**18**](http://bible.cc/1_thessalonians/4-18.htm)Therefore encourage each other with these words.

We can take three things from this passage.

1. HOPE TO SEE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AGAIN
2. EXCITEMENT FOR CHRIST’S RETURN
3. ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ONE ANOTHER

Paul tells us to bring encouragement to one another. So let me encourage you. Although the pain is great, it will lesson in the coming days, and that will allow the memories to grow bigger and stronger.

As David said in Psalm 23, “Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,” rest assured you will come through this valley.

PRAYER