

**Waiting for His Son**  
**Part Five: Comforting Words**  
**1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11**  
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1. The Thessalonian believers were unaware of what happens to a believer after death (4:13)
2. Jesus' resurrection guarantees every believer's resurrection (4:14)
3. One day Jesus will return to gather those who are 'in Christ' to be with him (4:15-18)
  - Believers who have died will be resurrected first.
  - Living believers will follow them to meet the Lord.
  - We should use this teaching to encourage each other.
4. Informed believers will not be surprised by Jesus' return (5:1-4)
  - Though we don't know when he will return, we know that he will return.
  - We're ready because we're children of light.
5. Knowing that Jesus can return at any moment means: (5:5-11)
  - We are alert and self-controlled.
  - We're characterized by faith, hope, and love.
  - We delight in our deliverance from coming judgment.
  - We encourage and build up each other.