

Intro – Review _____

1. Theme of this epistle – The _____ church

2. Marks of authenticity

- A. Established by _____

- B. Conduct was _____

- C. Growing in _____

True churches grow in the knowledge of God's purpose and Paul now teaches them regarding God's purpose for the future time at the end of the world.

I. The Problem – I Thessalonians 4:13

They were worried. Why?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Special words:

- Uninformed _____
- Asleep _____

Three ways non-Christians react to death:

- A. Ignore it _____

- B. Deny it _____

- C. Fear it _____

Paul wanted them informed about death. _____

II. The Hope – vs. 14

Christians have hope because they have a historical precedent on which to base their hope.

- Acts 2:24 _____

- Paul reassures them _____

III. The details – 4:15-5:3

Paul gives the details about the “end.” Now, he doesn’t give details about:

Resurrection of _____ Matthew 25:31-32

Judgment of _____ John 5:28-29

What happens to _____ II Peter 3:10-12

What _____ is like. - II Thessalonians 1:9

This doesn’t mean that these things are not _____

Paul gives details taught to him by Christ.

- vs. 15a _____

- vs. 15b _____

- vs. 16a _____

- vs. 16b _____

- vs. 16c _____

In a situation where many things will be happening simultaneously, Paul focuses on one thing.

- vs. 17a _____

- vs. 17b-18 _____

- ch. 5:1-3 _____

Summary

1. Paul is adding to their _____
2. Paul reassures their _____
3. He gives specific details of the end.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____

Our Hope

It could be in our lifetimes. If so: _____

