

1Thessalonians 4:13-14

Sleep, Death, Resurrection, Hope

1. Jeremiah 17:7 (NKJV) “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.
Titus 2:13 (NKJV) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
1 Peter 1:3 (NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a volcanic region. The scene is dominated by dark, jagged volcanic peaks and ridges. The slopes are covered in vibrant green moss and lichen, contrasting sharply with the dark rock. A winding river flows through the valley, its water appearing dark. In the distance, a body of water is visible between the mountain ranges. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, creating a dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere. The overall composition is layered, with the foreground showing the texture of the mossy slopes, the middle ground featuring the winding river and distant peaks, and the background showing the vastness of the landscape under a cloudy sky.

**The Resurrection is the Hope
of the Believer**

1 Thess. 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.[fn]

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 by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Confident Concerning:

Death.
The Resurrection.
Jesus' second coming.



a) John 11:11-14 CSB then he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I’m on my way to wake him up.” Then the disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well.” Jesus, however, was speaking about his death, but they thought he was speaking about natural sleep. So Jesus then told them plainly, “Lazarus has died.

Acts 7:57-60. When Stephen
was killed

Mat 27:52 after Jesus'
resurrection: and the graves were
opened; and many bodies of the
saints who had fallen asleep were
raised

1 Thess 4:13

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What happens at death?

Christianity:

Humanism:

Pantheism:

What happens at death?

Christianity: the Resurrection

Humanism: Bodily death is the end

Pantheism: Reincarnation

Ultimate Destiny?

Christianity: Glorification

Humanism: One life to live, that's it

Pantheism: Absorption

Concept of Body & Soul

Christianity: Unity

Humanism: Body only

Pantheism: Soul only

Reality?

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Resurrection Hope

- **John 11:21-27**
- **2 Cor.5:1-9**



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**The Resurrection is the Hope
of every Believer**