



I. Encourage one another

A. *Promise of His coming—1 Thess 4:15-18*

B. *The last trump—1 Cor 15:51,52,58*

1. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come—1 Corinthians 10:11
2. Paul's illustration is in reference to the book of Numbers
3. the congregation in the wilderness—a picture of the church passing through
4. the tabernacle—a picture of the life and ministry of Christ at the center
5. the cloud by day/fire by night—a picture of the Holy Spirit dwelling upon the church
6. the silver trumpets—a picture of the gathering together of the church, last trump signified the assembly was complete and ready for departure
7. the movement of the camp—30 times over 40 years—a picture of the church passing through our citizenship is in heaven

C. *Live for eternity—1 Cor 3:11-15*

1. to know Him
2. to make Him known



II. Watch and be sober

A. *The day of the Lord, a thief—1 Thess 5:1-3*

B. *We know the times and seasons of Lev 23:2-3*

"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations (mik-kraw' —dress rehearsals), these are My feasts (mo-ade' —appointed time). 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation (mik-kraw' —dress rehearsal).

1. God's plan of redemption would span 6 days or 6000 years and would culminate with the millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. 7 feasts reveal two comings of Messiah—Spring and Fall
3. Spring appointments—Passover, Unleavened Bread, Passover, Pentecost
4. Fall appointments—Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles

C. *We are to watch and be sober—1 Thess 5:8,9*

1. put on faith, love, hope to finish strong
2. the admonitions of verses 12-22: your Pastor, your local church, manifestation of the Spirit



III. Stand fast and hold the revelation

A. *Two things precede Christ's return—2 Thess 2:1-3WEB*

Now, brothers, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to him, we ask you not to be quickly shaken in your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by letter as from us, saying that the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For it will not be, unless the departure comes first, and the man of sin is revealed.

1. the departure of the church
2. the arrival of the anti-christ

B. *Clarification of apostasia*

1. King James 1610 translates 'falling away'
2. Earliest English translations: Tyndale 1534; Coverdale 1535; Cranmar 1540; Matthews 1549; Geneva 1587—translates 'departure from earth'
3. verse 5-8 supports a more literal translation of a literal physical departure, the removal of the restrainer is the church which was born on Pentecost with Holy Spirit within it and upon it.
4. The Holy Spirit is greater than the spirit of antichrist which is in the world—1 John 4:1-4 & 1 John 2:18-28
5. Others did not teach a falling away from the faith but a completion of harvest: James 5 be patient for the harvest; 2 Peter 3 be longsuffering for the harvest; Jesus parables of Matthew 13 speak of harvest to the end; Paul told Timothy that some would depart from the faith.

C. *Chosen to obtain salvation—2 Thess 2:13-15*

1. stand fast—be stationary, persevere
2. hold—seize and retain
3. traditions—transmission, Paul's revelation of who we are and what we possess as a result of the death burial and resurrection of Jesus, was a mystery to be revealed i.e. transmitted.
4. tune in to the right channel and feed on IN CHRIST REALITIES so that you can finish strong!



In Christ I am a new man...

In Christ I am crucified to the world...

In Christ I am dead to sin & alive unto God...

In Christ I am more than a conqueror...

In Christ I am redeemed from sickness, poverty, & spiritual death...

In Christ I am forgiven...

In Christ I am one with God...

In Christ I am righteous...

In Christ I am justified...

In Christ I am called into fellowship and sanctified...

In Christ I am chosen...

In Christ I am accepted...

In Christ I am blessed, empowered to prosper...

In Christ I am joint-heir and partaker of promises...

In Christ I am rooted and established...

In Christ I am God's craftsmanship...

In Christ I am complete, lacking nothing...

In Christ I am united in love with believers...

In Christ I am in Covenant relationship...

In Christ I have assurance...

In Christ I have revelation...

In Christ I have strength in weakness...

In Christ I have an inheritance...



In Christ I have authority...

In Christ I have access to the throne...

In Christ I have favor...

In Christ I have boldness and confidence...

In Christ I have wisdom and knowledge...

In Christ I have life more abundant...

In Christ I have grace, power beyond my ability...

In Christ I have the Spirit working in me...

In Christ I have a company of believers...

In Christ I have a ministry of reconciliation...

In Christ I have deliverance...

In Christ I have everything I need...

In Christ I have a blessed hope and future...

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.—2 TH 2:16-17