

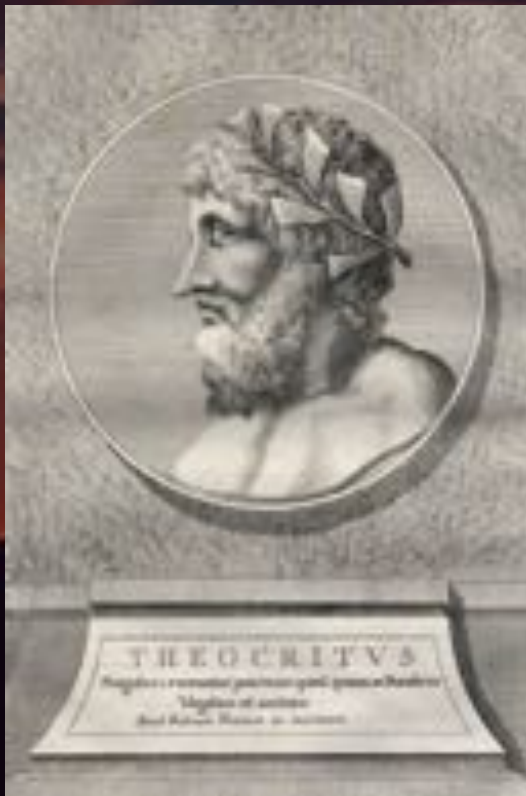


THE COMFORT OF CHRIST'S RETURN

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**In Thessalonica an inscription
on stone reads:**

**"AFTER DEATH, NO REVIVING,
AFTER THE GRAVE, NO MEETING AGAIN"**



**"HOPES ARE AMONG
THE LIVING; THE DEAD
ARE WITHOUT HOPE."**

ACTS 17:32

When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, “We want to hear more about this later.”

CONFIDENCE IN YOUR RESURRECTION (4:13-16)

PROBLEM AND PURPOSE

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

REASONS TO HAVE HOPE

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

DEAD IN CHRIST

**God will bring
back with Him**

ALIVE IN CHRIST

**Rise Together when
Christ returns**

15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.

DETAILS OF CHRIST'S RETURN



¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a COMMANDING SHOUT, with the VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, and with the TRUMPET CALL OF GOD. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.

The coming of Christ as described here is not secretly accomplished; it is announced with a great deal of fanfare, so that no one can miss it

CERTAINTY IN YOUR REUNION (4:17-18)



17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

MAIN POINT

18 So ENCOURAGE each other with these words.

HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TODAY?

**Encourage Believers
In The Face Of Death**

**Encourage Reaching Out
To The Lost**

The return of Jesus Christ is sure and it could happen anytime. Jesus is coming back! It could happen at any moment.