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Chapter 45: A COMING KING AND HIS CONFIDENT CHURCH
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Our Confident Response To Death Is...

- Distinct from the _____ of the _____ (v. 13).
 - The people of God should be different:
 - In _____.
 - In _____.
 - So we should not grieve as those without _____.

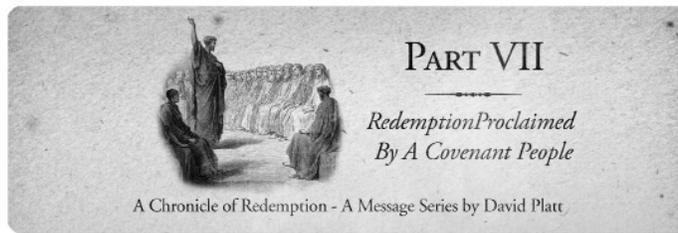
- Rooted in the _____ of the _____ (v. 14).
 - Jesus' resurrection is both...
 - _____ that God can raise the dead...
 - And a...
 - _____ that He will raise the dead.

- Strengthened by the certain _____ of the _____ (v. 15-17).
 - His return will be _____.
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 - The dead will come from their _____!
 - The living will come to their _____!
 - The Lord will come to His _____!
 - His return will be _____.

- Confessed for the sake of _____ (v. 18).

May we arrive where means of grace cease and we need no more to fast, pray, weep, watch, be tempted; where nothing defiles, where is no grief, sorrow, sin, death, separation, tears, languid body, aching joints, feeble infancy, decrepit age, pining sickness, griping fears, consuming cares; where is personal completeness; where the more perfect the sight the more beautiful the object, the more perfect the appetite the sweeter the food, the more musical the ear the more pleasant the melody, the more complete the soul the more happy its joys, where is full knowledge of Thee.

There we shall be near Thee, dwell with our family, stand in Thy presence chamber, be heirs of Thy kingdom, as the spouse of Christ, as members of His body, one with Him who is with Thee, and exercise all our powers of body and soul in the enjoyment of Thee.



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- Distinct from the **despair** of the **world** (v. 13).
 - The people of God should be different:
 - In **behavior**.
 - In **belief**.
 - So we should not grieve as those without **hope**.

- Rooted in the **story** of the **gospel** (v. 14).
 - Jesus' resurrection is both...
 - **Proof** that God can raise the dead...
 - And a...
 - **Promise** that He will raise the dead.

- Strengthened by the certain **return** of the **Lord** (vv. 15-17).
 - His return will be **personal**.
 - His return will be **public**.
 - His return will be **powerful**.
 - The dead will come from their **tombs**!
 - The living will come to their **King**!
 - The Lord will come to His **throne**!
 - His return will be **permanent**.

- Confessed for the sake of **one another** (v. 18).

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