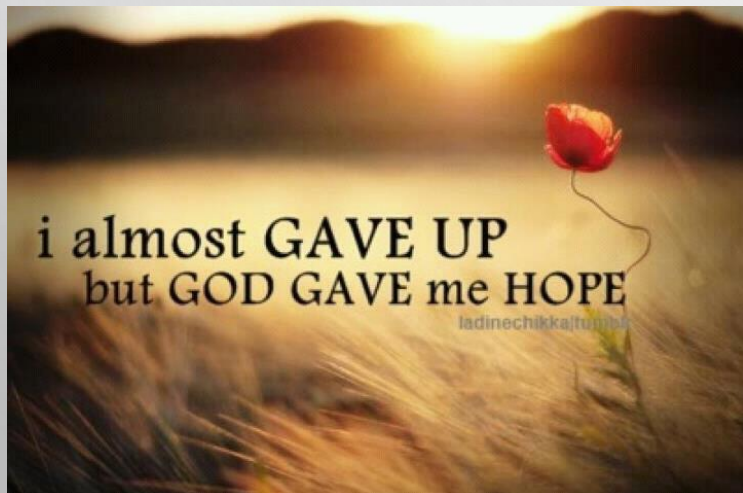



# HOLINESS AND HOPE





# INTRODUCTION

- WHAT'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR BEHAVIOR AND THE RAPTURE?
  - WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT THE CONNECTION?
  - WHAT MOTIVATES THE WAY YOU LIVE DAILY?
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# LIVE TO PLEASE GOD

- **LIVE IN MORAL PURITY**

- [1TH 4:1-18 KJV] 1 FURTHERMORE THEN WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, AND EXHORT [YOU] BY THE LORD JESUS, THAT AS YE HAVE RECEIVED OF US HOW YE OUGHT TO WALK AND TO PLEASE GOD, [SO] YE WOULD ABOUT MORE AND MORE. 2 FOR YE KNOW WHAT COMMANDMENTS WE GAVE YOU BY THE LORD JESUS. 3 FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, [EVEN] YOUR SANCTIFICATION, THAT YE SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM FORNICATION: 4 THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW TO POSSESS HIS VESSEL IN SANCTIFICATION AND HONOUR; 5 NOT IN THE LUST OF CONCUPISCENCE, EVEN AS THE GENTILES WHICH KNOW NOT GOD: 6 THAT NO [MAN] GO BEYOND AND DEFRAUD HIS BROTHER IN [ANY] MATTER: BECAUSE THAT THE LORD [IS] THE AVENGER OF ALL SUCH, AS WE ALSO HAVE FOREWARNED YOU AND TESTIFIED.

# LIVE TO PLEASE GOD

- **OBEY THE CALL TO HOLINESS**

- [1TH 4:7-8 KJV] 7 FOR GOD HATH NOT CALLED US UNTO UNCLEANNESSE, BUT UNTO HOLINESS. 8 HE THEREFORE THAT DESPISETH, DESPISETH NOT MAN, BUT GOD, WHO HATH ALSO GIVEN UNTO US HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

# LIVE TO INFLUENCE OTHERS

- **INCREASE IN CHRISTIAN LOVE**

- [1TH 4:9-10 KJV] 9 BUT AS TOUCHING BROTHERLY LOVE YE NEED NOT THAT I WRITE UNTO YOU: FOR YE YOURSELVES ARE TAUGHT OF GOD TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. 10 AND INDEED YE DO IT TOWARD ALL THE BRETHREN WHICH ARE IN ALL MACEDONIA: BUT WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, THAT YE INCREASE MORE AND MORE;

# LIVE TO INFLUENCE OTHERS

- **PRACTICE GODLY LIVING**

- [1TH 4:11-12 KJV] 11 AND THAT YE STUDY TO BE QUIET, AND TO DO YOUR OWN BUSINESS, AND TO WORK WITH YOUR OWN HANDS, AS WE COMMANDED YOU; 12 THAT YE MAY WALK HONESTLY TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, AND [THAT] YE MAY HAVE LACK OF NOTHING.

# LIVE IN HOPE OF CHRIST'S RETURN

- **HOPE FOR DECEASED BELIEVERS**

- [1TH 4:13-14 KJV] 13 BUT I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU TO BE IGNORANT, BRETHREN, CONCERNING THEM WHICH ARE ASLEEP, THAT YE SORROW NOT, EVEN AS OTHERS WHICH HAVE NO HOPE. 14 FOR IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, EVEN SO THEM ALSO WHICH SLEEP IN JESUS WILL GOD BRING WITH HIM.

# LIVE IN HOPE OF CHRIST'S RETURN

- **THE CATCHING AWAY**

- [1TH 4:15-18 KJV] 15 FOR THIS WE SAY UNTO YOU BY THE WORD OF THE LORD, THAT WE WHICH ARE ALIVE [AND] REMAIN UNTO THE COMING OF THE LORD SHALL NOT PREVENT THEM WHICH ARE ASLEEP. 16 FOR THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE TRUMP OF GOD: AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST: 17 THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE [AND] REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS, TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR: AND SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD. 18 WHEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS.

- [MAT 24:31 KJV] 31 AND HE SHALL SEND HIS ANGELS WITH A GREAT SOUND OF A TRUMPET, AND THEY SHALL GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM ONE END OF HEAVEN TO THE OTHER.



# RESURRECTION

- [JHN 5:28-29 KJV] 28 *MARVEL NOT AT THIS: FOR THE HOUR IS COMING, IN THE WHICH ALL THAT ARE IN THE GRAVES SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE, 29 AND SHALL COME FORTH; THEY THAT HAVE DONE GOOD, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE; AND THEY THAT HAVE DONE EVIL, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION.*