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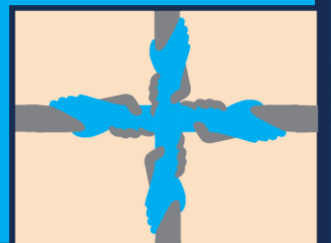
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Each of us **MUST** do something
with the **historical fact** of the
empty tomb

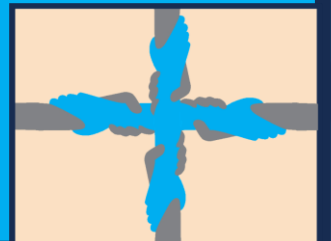
(Jesus' earthly body **DOESN'T** exist)

Matthew 28:1-7



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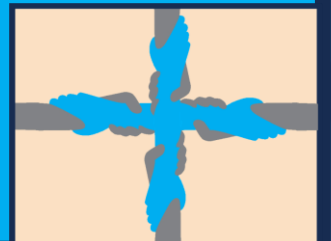
God DOESN'T want ANY of us to be **uninformed** (to be uneducated) or to be **uneasy** about life after death
(I John 5:13-15)



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Followers of Christ have a confidence
NOT in what we have done,
BUT in **Who** we have trusted

I Thessalonians 4:13-18



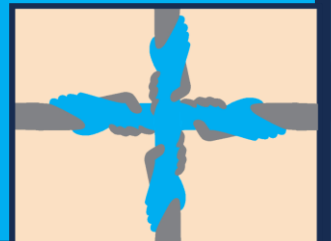
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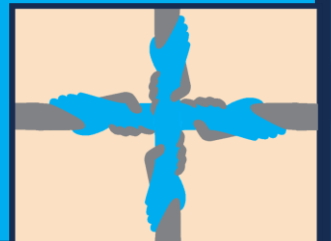
Paul left Thessalonica **AFTER** Jason
(his host) was accused of harboring
traitors of Rome (Paul and Silas)



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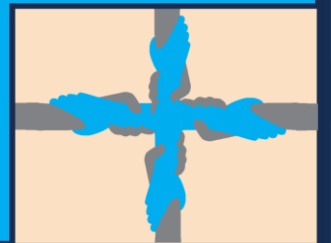
Paul writes this section to offer **hope** and **comfort** to people, who had just recently experienced tough **personal loss**

(I Thessalonians 4:13-14)



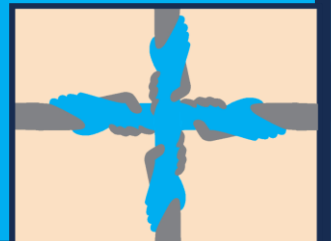
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There is **NO shame** in being sad over the passing of someone special (grief is expected and normal)



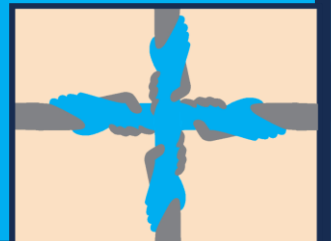
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Hold on to the **glorious hope**
(remember, to be absent from the
body is to be present with the Lord)



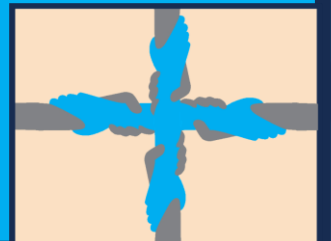
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There is a **secure spot** reserved for God's children in a very real and spectacular place, called **Heaven**



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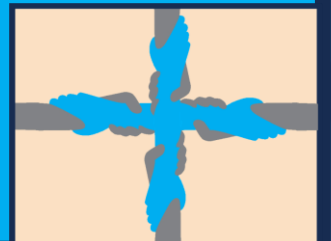
“Uninformed” = ignorant,
to be **unaware**,
to remain unknown



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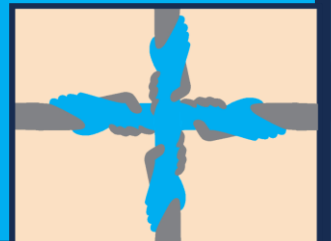
If we **really believe** that Christ was raised from the dead – as concrete as Christ **presently lives**, ALL who have placed their faith in Him as guaranteed **eternal life**

| Thessalonians 4:15-16



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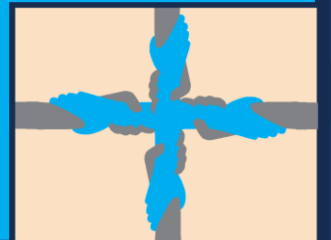
The Apostle Paul lived his life with the **imminent** return of Christ ever before him (Paul was ever-ready and anticipating Christ)



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The Lord DOESN'T just send a messenger to retrieve God's children
(Jesus Himself comes for us)

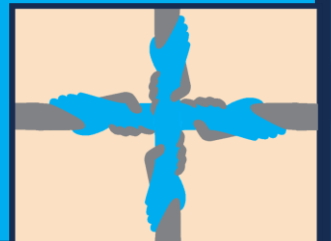
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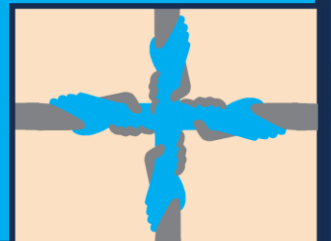
“**Caught up**” = taken with sudden force; to be seized; snatched up; to be **hastily taken** without ANY warning

Matthew 24:32-44



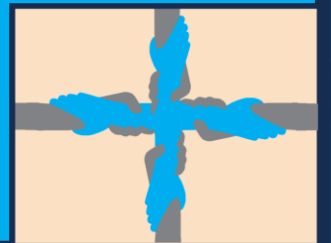
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Although **NONE** of us **KNOW**
the day or the hour, we do
KNOW that it's coming
(and it's closer today than yesterday)



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NO one NEEDS to **fear** the future
(Jesus' first arrival **defeated** death,
hell and sin for ALL believers)



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Grief is real,
grief is to be expected, BUT
grief DOESN'T have the final word
(Jesus is coming back)

