

Flight to Paradise
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

It's Party Time

“Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

--Luke 10:20

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

--Romans 8:18

Present **joys** are but a mere foretaste of glory.

Present **sufferings** disappear in a heartbeat.

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—John 11:25-26

1. Jesus is **Eternally Present**

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

Time has no hold on Eternal life.

“Eternal life has nothing to do with Time, it is the life which Jesus lived when He was down here. The only source of life is the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost*, April 12)

The **Dead** in Christ will rise!

The dead in Christ will rise first.

–1 Thessalonians 4:16b

The **Living** will meet the Lord in the Air

¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

–1 Thessalonians 4:17

2. Jesus is the **Life**.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Jesus is the Life **now** and **forever**:

Thief on the Cross --Luke 23:43

Son of the Widow of Nain, --Luke 7:14

Jairus' daughter --Mark 5:39

3. Jesus is the **Resurrection**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Lazarus is Raised --John 11:43

"When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Saints resurrected from the grave at the crucifixion. —Matthew 27:51-53

"⁵²The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life."

Sinners Rescued --Colossians 1:13

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves."

Conclusion:

Flight to paradise is **eighteen inches** long.

From **head** to **heart**,

From **knowledge** to **belief**,

From **sight** to **trust**.

Memory Verse:

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