



# The End of Time According to Paul

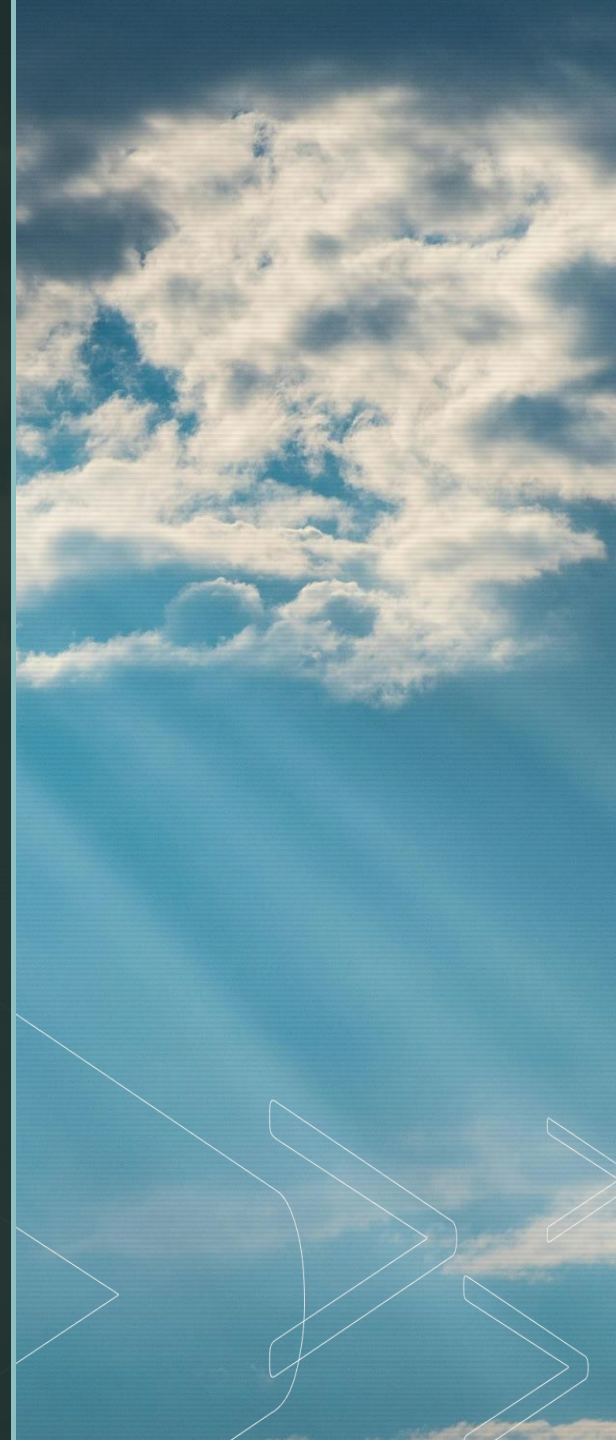
(1 Th. 4:13-5:2; 1 Cor. 15:50-58)

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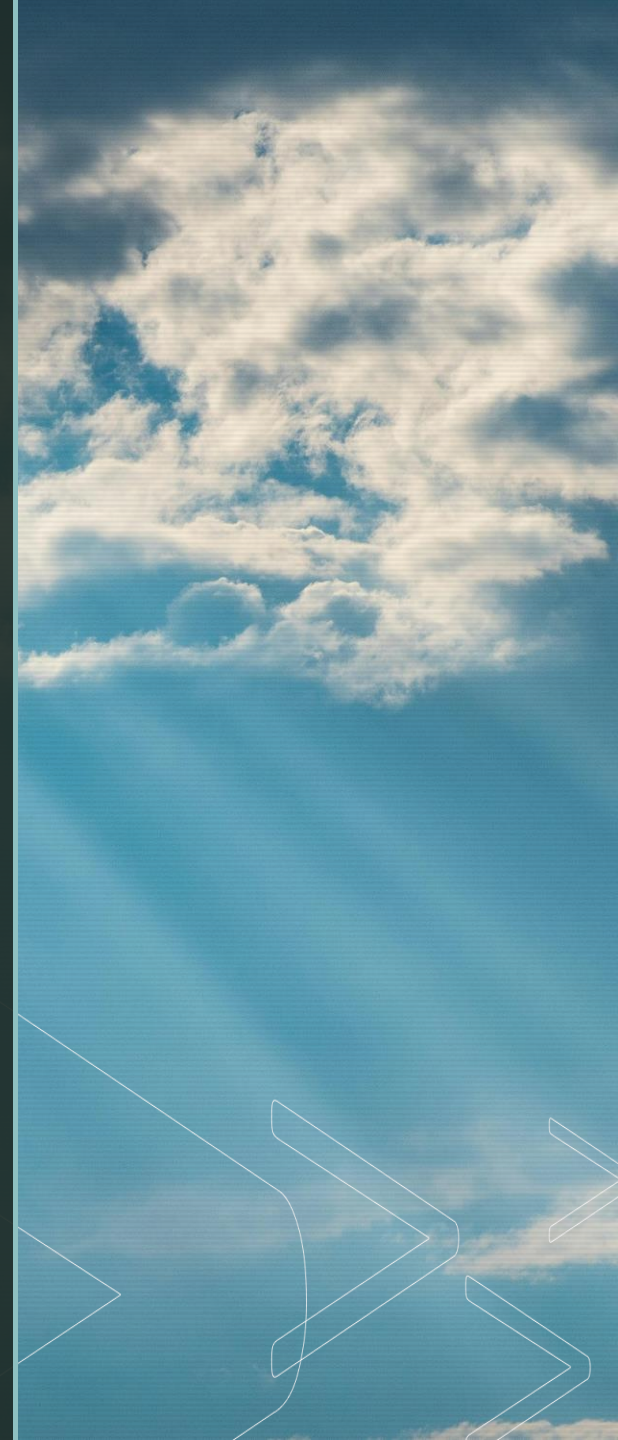
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But we do not want you  
to be uninformed,  
brothers, about those  
who are asleep, that  
you may not grieve as  
others do who have no  
hope. For since we  
believe that Jesus died  
and rose again, even so,  
through Jesus, God will  
bring with Him those  
who have fallen asleep.  
(1 Thess. 4:13-14)

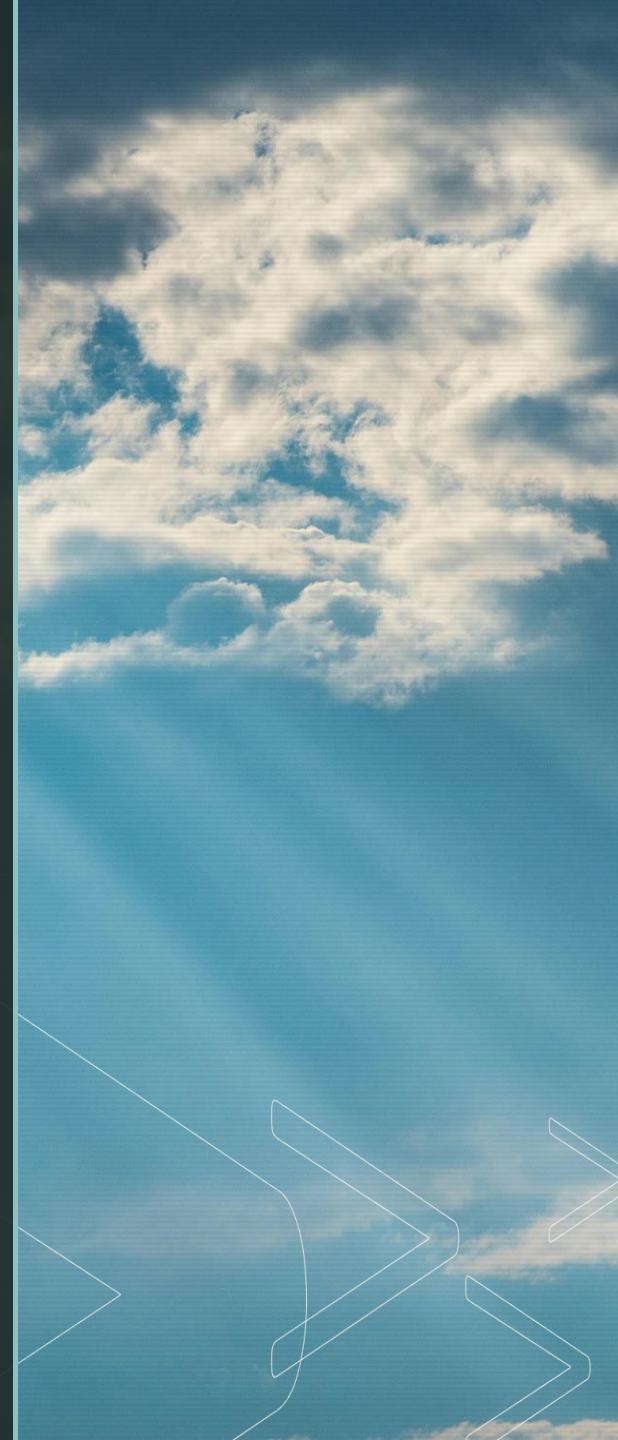


And when He had entered, He said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”  
(Mark 5:39)

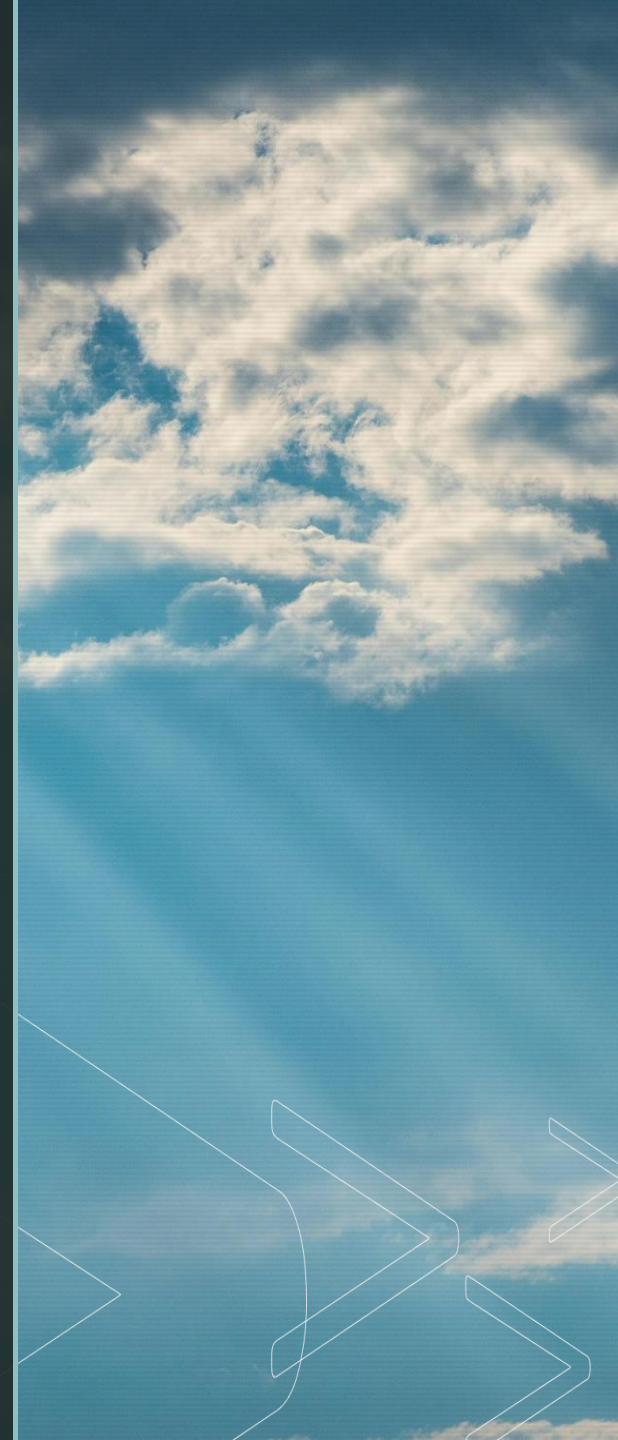




For this we declare  
to you by a word  
from the Lord, that  
we who are alive,  
who are left until  
the coming of the  
Lord, will not  
precede those who  
have fallen asleep.  
(1 Thess. 4:15)

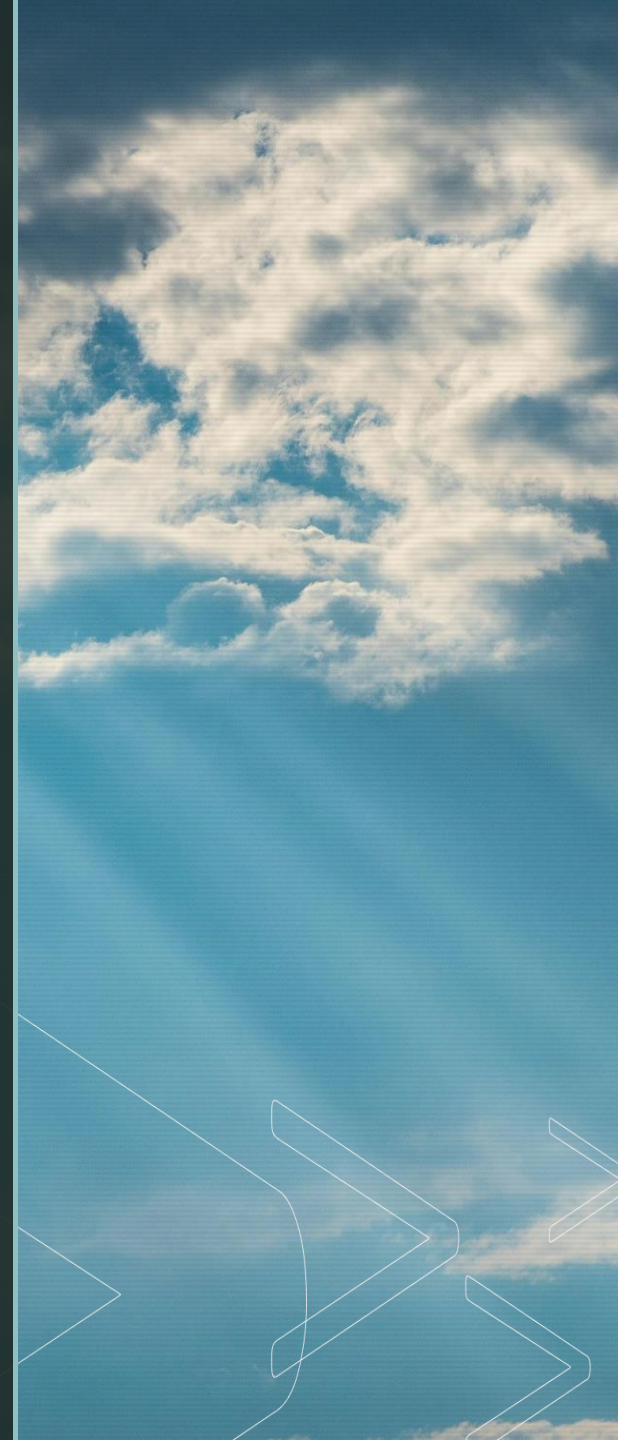


For the Lord Himself  
will descend from  
heaven with a cry of  
command, with the  
voice of an archangel,  
and with the sound of  
the trumpet of God.  
And the dead in  
Christ will rise first.  
(1 Thess. 4:16)



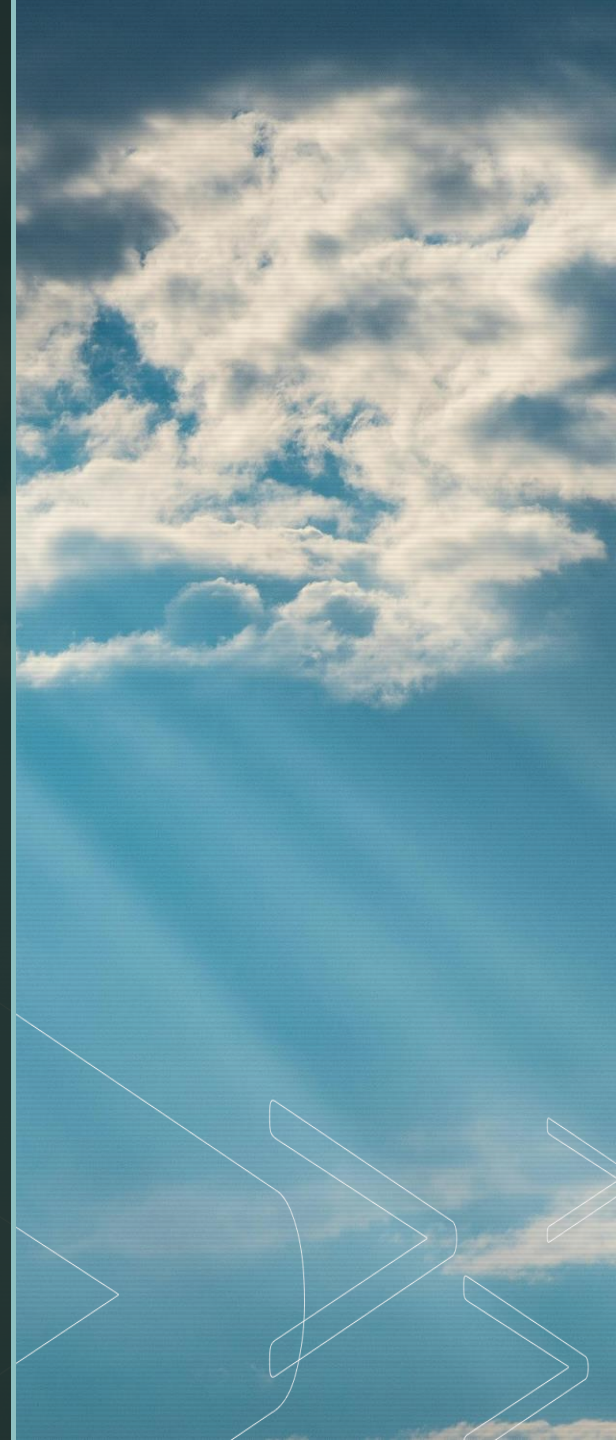


Then we who are  
alive, who are left,  
will be caught up  
together with them  
in the clouds to meet  
the Lord in the air,  
and so we will always  
be with the Lord.  
Therefore encourage  
one another with  
these words.  
(1 Thess. 4:17-18)





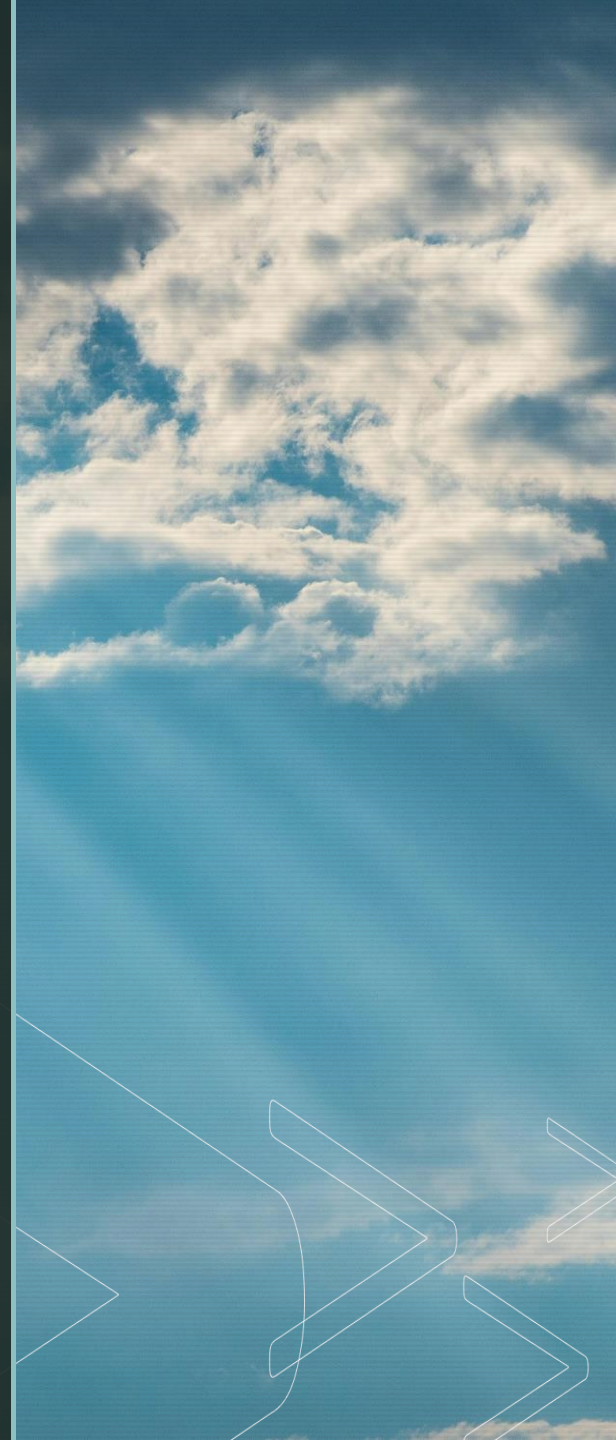
Now concerning the  
times and the  
seasons, brothers,  
you have no need to  
have anything  
written to you. For  
you yourselves are  
fully aware that the  
day of the Lord will  
come like a thief in  
the night.  
(1 Thess. 5:1-2)




While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

(1 Thess. 5:3-4)



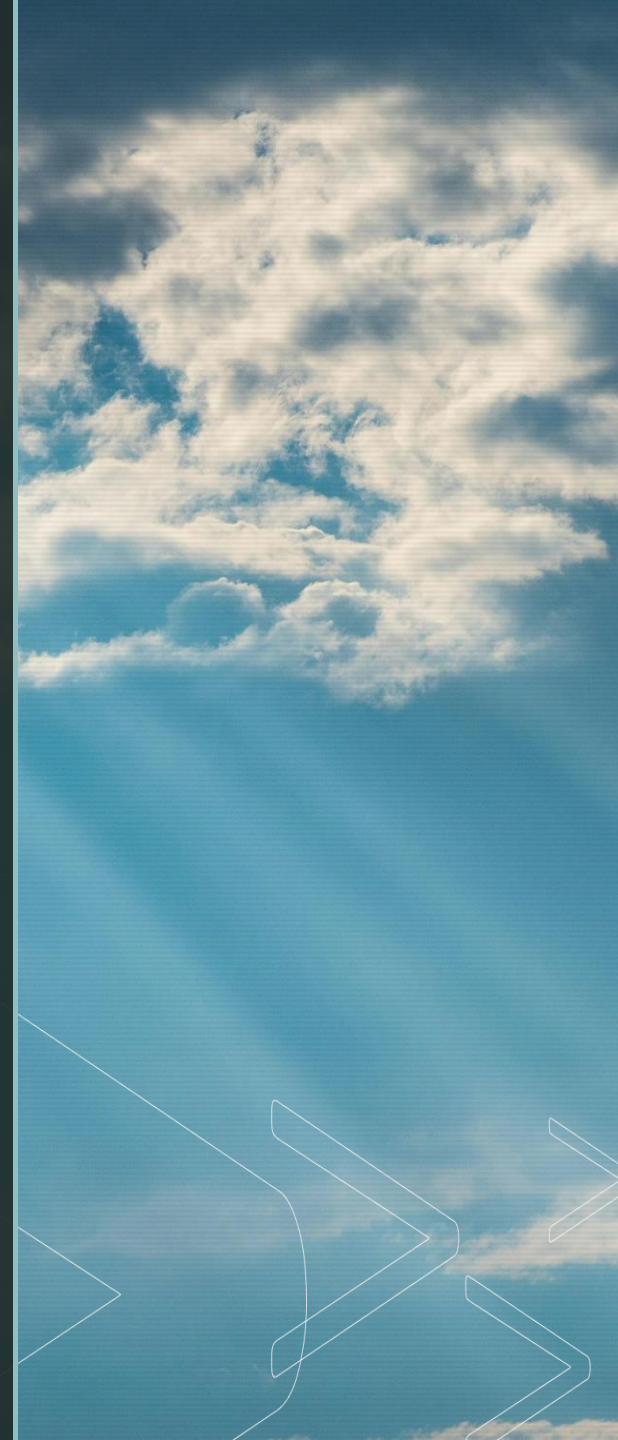


Paul assured the Thessalonians that all Christians, dead or alive, will share equally in the reward of eternal fellowship. To this end, we must always be ready.



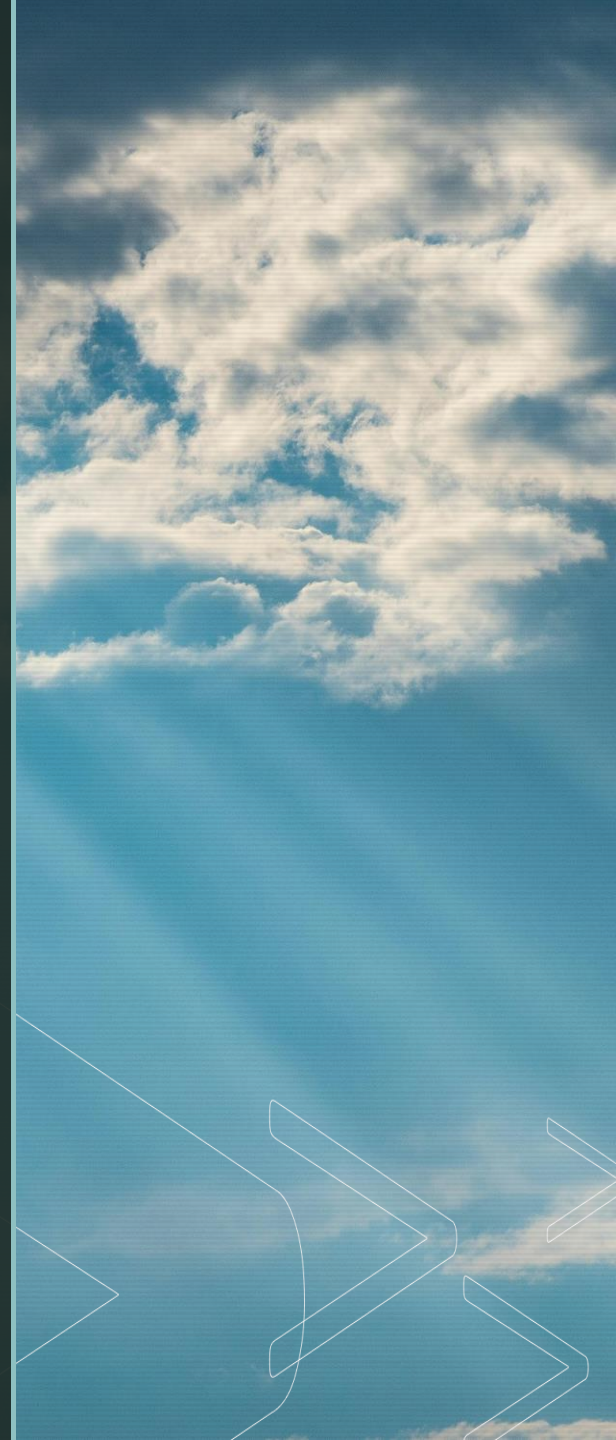


I tell you this,  
brothers: flesh and  
blood cannot inherit  
the kingdom of  
God, nor does the  
perishable inherit  
the imperishable.  
(1 Cor. 15:50)

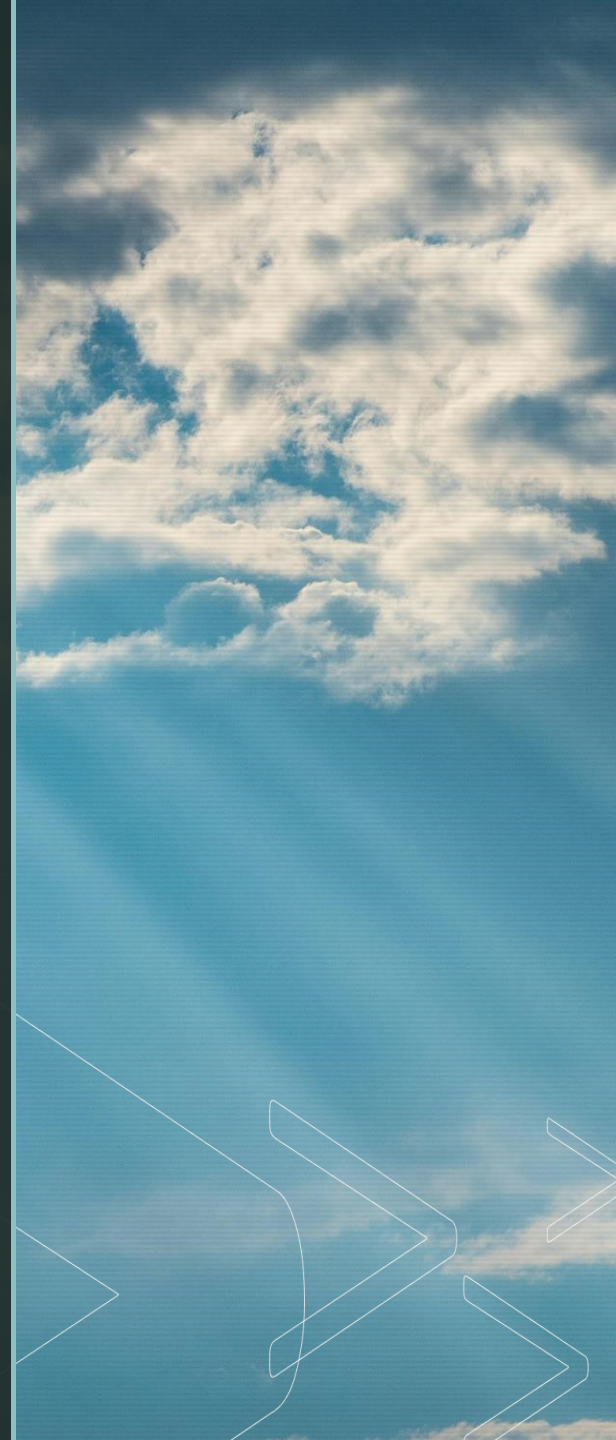




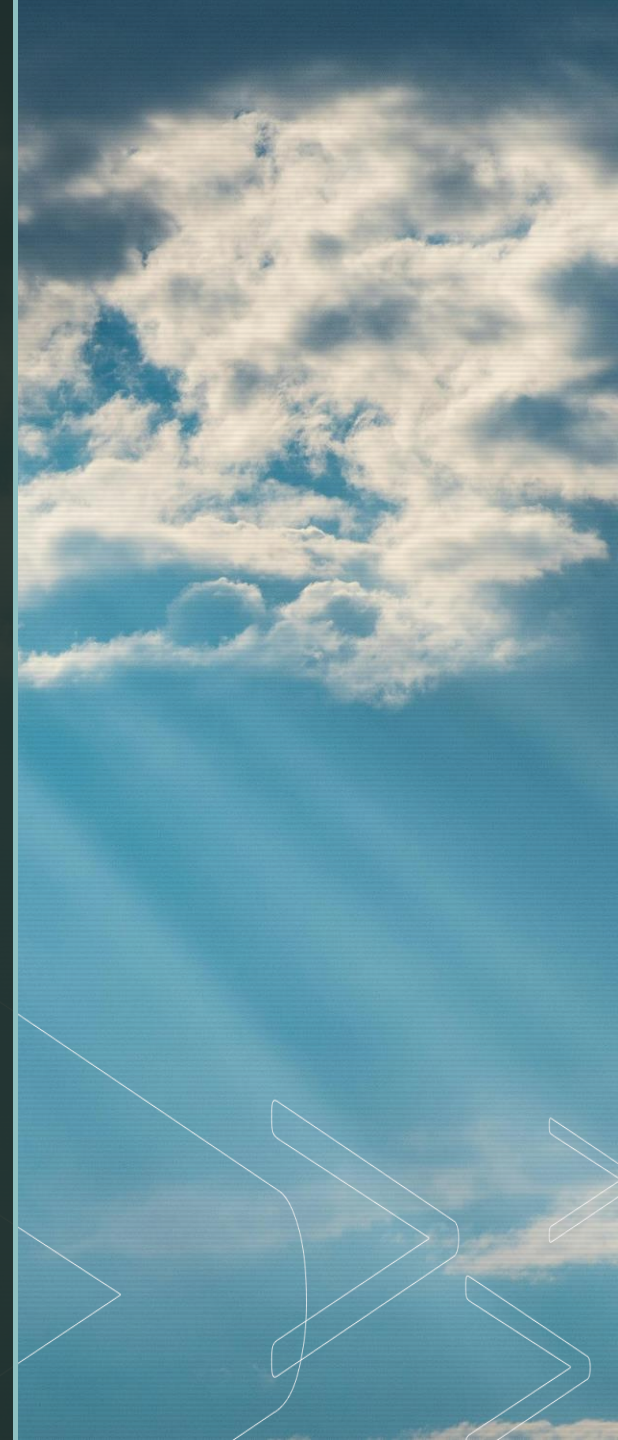
Behold! I tell you a  
mystery. We shall not  
all sleep, but we shall  
all be changed, in a  
moment, in the  
twinkling of an eye,  
at the last trumpet.  
For the trumpet will  
sound, and the dead  
will be raised  
imperishable, and we  
shall be changed.  
(1 Cor. 15:51-52)



So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.  
(1 Cor. 15:42-44)



The first man was  
from the earth, a  
man of dust; the  
second man is  
from heaven.  
(1 Cor. 15:47)



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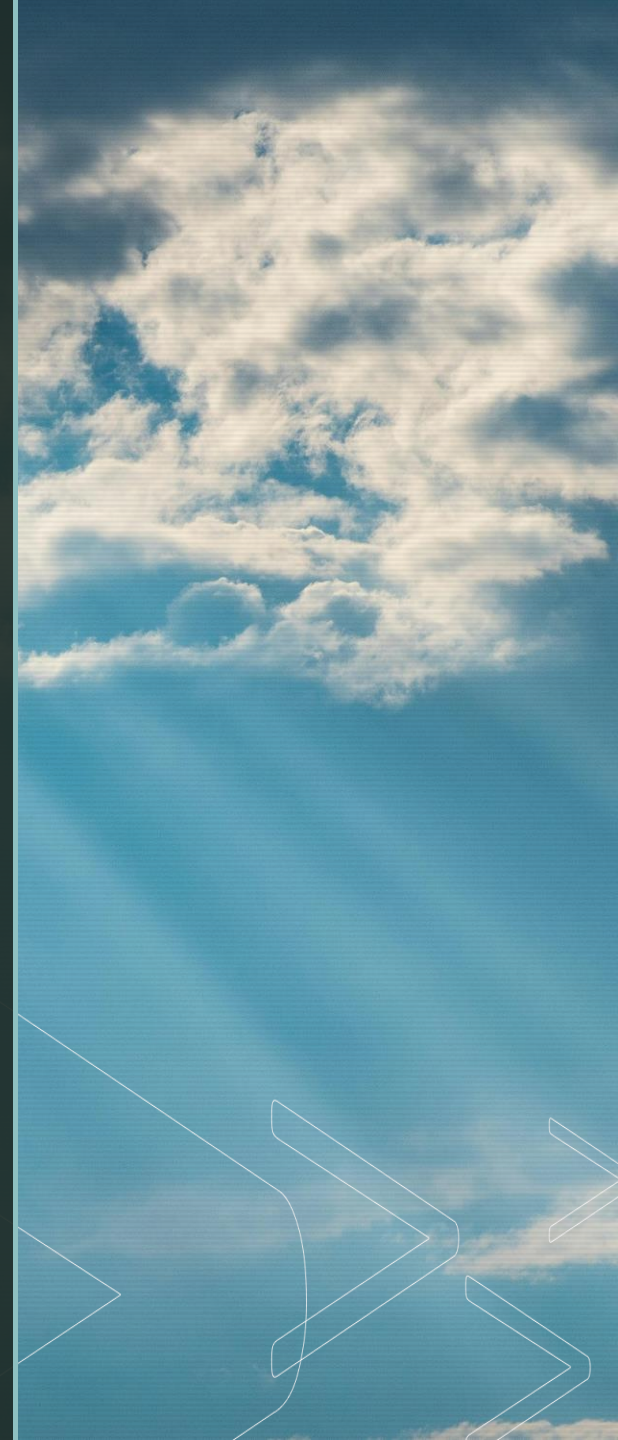
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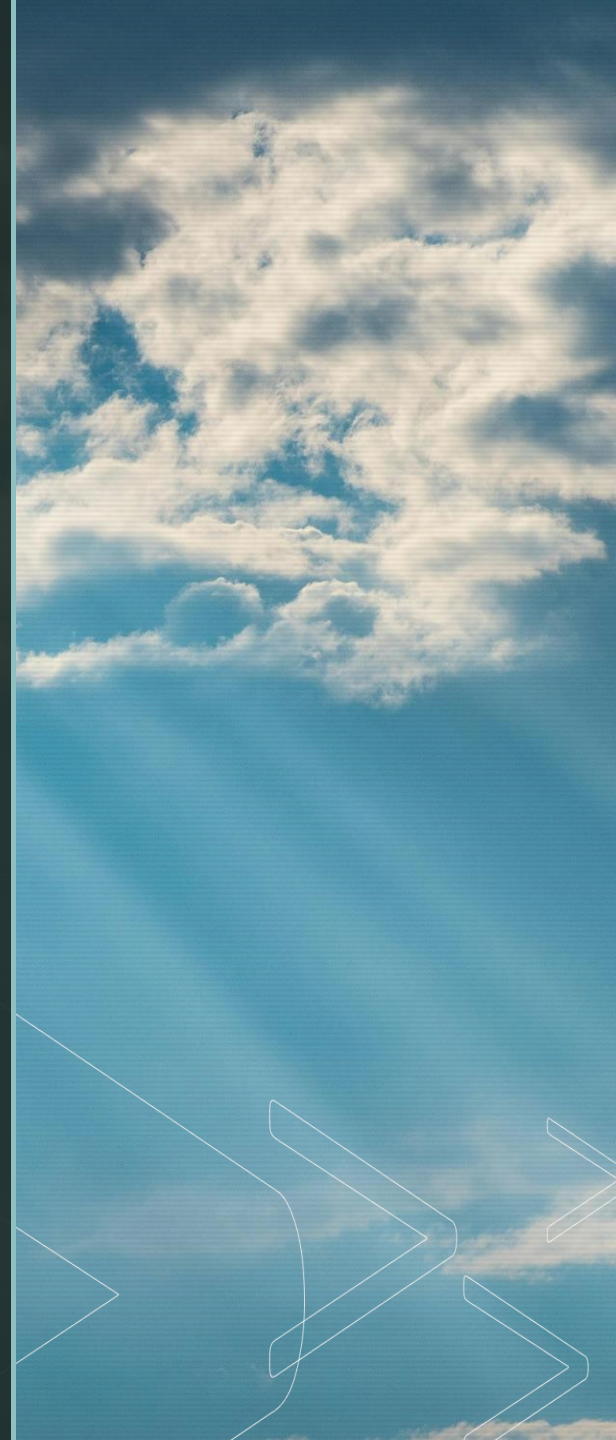




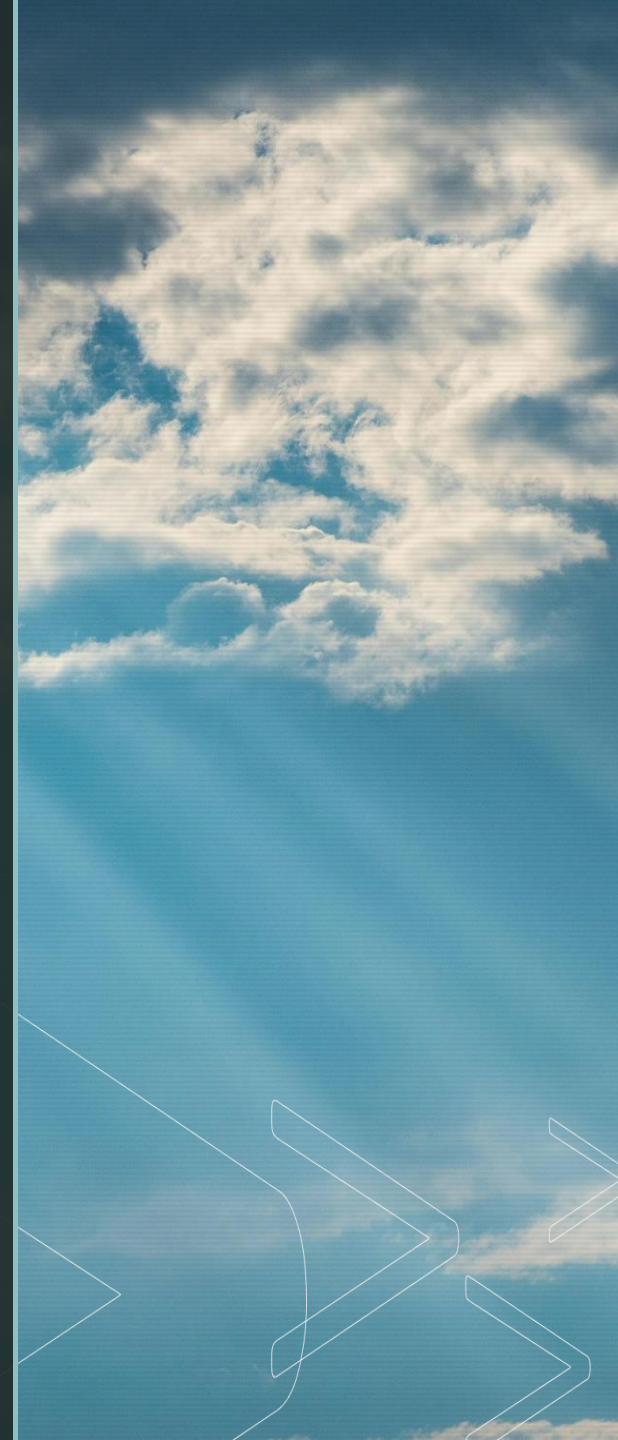
For this perishable  
body must put on the  
imperishable, and this  
mortal body must put  
on immortality. When  
the perishable puts on  
the imperishable, and  
the mortal puts on  
immortality, then shall  
come to pass the  
saying that is written:  
(1 Cor. 15:53-54a)



“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(1 Cor. 15:54b-57)



Therefore, my  
beloved brothers,  
be steadfast,  
immovable, always  
abounding in the  
work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the  
Lord your labor is  
not in vain.  
(1 Cor. 15:58)







According to Paul, we can look forward to a new existence in an imperishable spiritual body, and that hope renders death utterly powerless over us.