

TIMES UP

Order of Service
July 18 - 19, 2015

Worship Team	Today
Greeting/Welcome	
Worship Team	The Solid Rock 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)
Message	Times Up (Part 1) Pastor Jay Bruner
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TIMES UP!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. 15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So **encourage** each other with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NLT)*

What does it mean, when TIMES UP?

1. A return of the King will occur: Christ is coming back.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:3 (NIV)

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Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them... Revelation 20:6 (NIV)

2. A rapture will occur: Living Christ followers are taken away.

Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. vs. 17

...That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left... 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24:39-41, 44 (NIV)

Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed. Revelation 16:15 (NIV)

3. A reunion will occur: Christ followers will be reunited with God forever.

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SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO UNTIL THEN?

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality... 54b then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"... 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor. 15:51-53, 54b, 55, 57-58 (NIV)

Going deeper on your own. Look up and study the word *Maranatha*. Now, post it somewhere you can readily see it and can be reminded daily of what this means. Read 1 Corinthians 15 in its entirety. Then read 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. Read verse 58 several times. What is one act of service you can build into your life to ensure you stand firm and unmovable and prevent your life from being lived in vain?