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**“Pleasing God with Our Readiness for the Future”**

**I Thessalonians 4:13-17**

**INTRODUCTION**

* KEY POINT: We please God by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for what is to come.
* Ways we Please God

1. On Sexual Purity (4:3-8)
2. On Loving the Brethren (4:9-12)
3. **On Future Events (4:13-18)**
4. On the Day of the Lord (5:1-11)
5. On Recognizing Leaders (5:12-13)
6. On Shepherding Others (5:14)
7. On Nonretaliation (5:15)
8. On Rejoicing (5:16)
9. On Regular Prayer (5:17)
10. On Gratitude (5:18)
11. On Testing the Spirits (5:19-21)
12. On Sanctification (5:22-28)

**EXPOSITION: Pleasing God with Our Readiness for the Future**

* Why were they asking about the Resurrection?

1. **Previewing What Is to Come (vs. 13-14)**
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* II Corinthians 5:8
* What about soul sleep?
* II Corinthians 6:10
  1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14)**
* I Corinthians 15:17-18; Romans 10:9; I Corinthians 15:3-4; II Timothy 2:11-13

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of What Comes from It (vs. 15-17)**
   1. **Promised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 15)**

* II Timothy 4:6-8
  1. **Promised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16-17)**
* What is the rapture?
* Events of vs. 16-17

**CONCLUSION**