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What's his instruction to them? 4:10b-11 Phil.1:9, 3:13-15; IIThess.3:11-14

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Of what does Paul assure the Thessalonians? 4:15; ICor.15:50-53

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And what else? 4:16b-17; ICor.15:42-52

Comment on 4:14, "...will bring with Him..." and 4:16, "...will rise first...". IICor.5:5-10

What happens *immediately* after the resurrection of the dead in Christ? 4:17; ICor.15:52

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He now addresses brotherly love. They are taught of God to love each other, and they do!

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Excel in brotherly love, strive to lead a quiet life, mind your own business and work...

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So that your daily life wins the respect of 'outsiders' and you're not dependent on anyone.

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They were grieving for believers (friends, relatives) that died. Did they miss the kingdom?

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Jesus died/rose again, and God will bring with Jesus (rapture) those who've died in Him.

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From the Lord, we (still living) when the Lord comes, will not precede those who died.

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The Lord himself comes down from heaven, w/loud command, w/voice of the archangel...

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w/trumpet call of God. And the dead in Christ (their concern) will rise FIRST.

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The 'dead in Christ' have been w/Him in heaven in Spirit. Now get glorified new body!

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We (note Paul), still living, are raptured with them to the Lord in the clouds/air, forever.

What was the intent of this 'refresher course' from Paul? 4:18; Heb.10:24-25

It was a great message, meant to encourage them all! Death/persecution/trials will fade!!

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