

SUNDAY EVENING

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Votum and Salutation

Psalter 374

Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:3

Reading of the Athanasian
Creed, part 1

Prayer

Psalter 120

Sermon Text: 1 Thess. 4:13 – 5:3

Hope in Life and Death

1. *The return of the Lord (4:13-18)*
 - a. *Know your hope in Christ (4:13-14)*
 - b. *Believe Christ's promise of resurrection (4:15-17)*
 - c. *Encourage each other with this truth (4:18)*
2. *The day of the Lord (5:1-3)*
 - a. *Don't trouble yourself about times (5:1-2)*
 - b. *Do expect sudden judgment (5:3)*

Psalter 369 (standing)

Sermon Conclusion

Closing Prayer

Psalter 400

Doxology (Psalter 315)

Benediction

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1. *How can doctrinal ignorance of hope in Christ prompt emotional depression in believers?*
2. *According to 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, how will Christ's second coming be a public event?*
3. *If we are in Christ, why will His second coming be the biggest day of our life?*
4. *What is the true meaning of "the rapture"?*
5. *Verse 17 says, "And so shall we ever be with the Lord." How and why are these words a succinct summary of the Christian's greatest and deepest hope?*
6. *Why must we remind each other of the great Christian hope?*
7. *Why should we not trouble ourselves about when Christ will come again, but put our focus upon always being ready for His second coming?*
8. *"They shall not escape"—what do these words mean in the context of 1 Thessalonians 5:3?*
9. *By what three marks should we examine ourselves lest we be judged by God?*
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.