

hopelessness –

"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."
1 Thessalonians 4:13

1. A summary (14)

"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." (14)

- death → sleep
- He rose → we rise

2. **A sequence** (15-17)

"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." (15)

- The Lord _____ –
 - with a cry of command –
 - with the voice of an archangel –
 - with the sound of the trumpet –

- The dead _____ –

- The alive are _____ –

caught up =

to meet =

"and so we will always be with the Lord" (17)

"Therefore encourage one another with these words." (18)

- Encouragement does not come through _____.
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- Encouragement comes through _____.