

Lesson 67 Answers and Comments

Sentence	raiseth	darkness	power
Death	dead	translated	patience
Trust	quickeneth	kingdom	longsuffering
Ourselves	dead	Son	joyfulness
God	dead	death	partakers
Raiseth	quickeneth	destroy	inheritance
Dead	buried	death	saints
Delivered	death	devil	deliver
Deliver	raised	deliver	present
Trust	dead	fear	evil
Deliver	newness	death	conquerors
Treasure	life	lifetime	
Earthen	raised	bondage	
Vessels	delivered	change	
Power	deliver	vile	
God	deliver	body	
Not	deliver	fashioned	
Sufficient	preserve	glorious	
Ourselves	heavenly	fellowship	
Sufficiency	kingdom	sufferings	
God	delivered	conformable	
Way	me	death	
Right	preaching	sufferings	
End	known	fill	
Death	Gentiles	afflictions	
Every	hear	Christ	
Best	delivered	flesh	
Vanity	power	might	

Thanks be to God who is Himself our deliverer. We can trust in Him, after all, He can raise the dead!! No matter the trouble, God is able to strengthen us, to carry us, even if it is to His very throne in heaven. Our deliverance provision is far more glorious than that of Israel. Yet, sadly, many believers beg God for the physical deliverances that Israel had. A failure to recognize and appreciate the completeness of our deliverance provision will bring a focus on the temporal, the earthly things. Get a grip on the eternal, the things not seen, and enjoy your deliverance program.

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I Thes. 4:13 “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.”

Paul didn't want believers to be ignorant (void of understanding) concerning the death of believers.

Paul refers to death as being _____ in our verse. The term “asleep” is not unique to Paul when referring to death.

I Kings 2:10 “So David _____ with his fathers, and was _____ in the city of David.”

Dan. 12:2 “And many of them that _____ in the _____ of the _____ shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

Matt. 27:52 “And the _____ were opened, and many _____ of the _____ which _____ arose,”

II Peter 3:4 “...for since the fathers fell _____, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”

Death or being asleep, are one in the same in these scriptures. Equating “asleep” to being unconscious is not what these scriptures are referring to. “Soul sleep” is not what's being taught. Remember that verse we just read in Matt. 27:52 about those that slept, rising and walking around and appearing to many? They slept (died), but were still able to perform things that only a living conscious person could. When Christ referred to Lazarus as being “asleep” what did his disciples think He meant? Read John 11:11-13 vs. 13 “...taking a _____ in _____.” But Christ actually meant that Lazarus had _____.

Paul wants to enlighten believers regarding the death of believers. We know that he is referring to believers who died because we read in I Thess. 4:14 “...even so them also which _____ in _____...” One must be a believer to have died “in Christ”.

We know that many times death brings sorrow. Paul says in our verse in I Thess. 4:13 that the knowledge he gives to us will help with our sorrow. “...that ye _____...” Does this mean we won't have any sorrow when someone we love dies? Of course not! But our sorrow will not be “even _____ which have _____.” I Thess. 4:13.

The Bible is full of examples of believers who sorrowed at the loss of another believer. Even though Martha knew her brother, Lazareus, was a believer she and Mary sorrowed and wept when he died. They even knew that they would see him again, John 11:24 “Martha saith unto him, I _____ that he shall _____ again in the _____ at the last day.” Yet they cried. In fact, when Jesus saw their weeping He groaned in the spirit and _____ according to John 11:35. There is sorrow in death. When Jacob thought his son Joseph had been killed by an evil beast he mourned.

Gen. 37:34 “And Jacob rent his clothes, and put _____ upon his loins, and _____ for his _____ many _____.” There is a loss when someone we love dies. We do sorrow and cry and mourn. But not as others which have no hope. Our sorrow should not be like that of the unbelievers.

The unsaved have no hope. Oh they may think they have a hope. "He's in a better place." She's finally at peace." "His suffering is finally over." This is a false hope. There is no truth in any of these statements

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regarding the unbeliever. The unsaved soothe their grief with words with no knowledge. Words with no reality. Do you remember what Satan told Eve in the garden regarding God's judgment of death in the event that they would eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

Gen. 3:4 "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall _____ surely _____."

And the lie goes on today. In Deut. 29:19 we find someone who turns away from God vs. 18 "...whose heart _____ away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations..."

God says there will be a curse on such individuals. Look at Deut. 19:20, "The LORD will _____ him, but then the _____ of the LORD and his _____ shall _____ against that man, and all the _____ that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall _____ out his _____ from under heaven."

Deut. 29:19 "And it shall come to pass, when he heareth the words of this _____, that he shall _____ in his heart, saying, I shall have _____, though I walk in the _____ of mine heart..." this God rejecting individual decides to bless himself with peace and pretend that he will not be under God's curse. Is it any different today with the unsaved?

Ps. 10:11 "He hath said in his heart, God hath _____: he _____ his face; he will never _____ it." The unsaved take comfort in Satan's lie program. The unsaved have no hope. There are those who teach that sooner or later all will eventually end up in heaven. That a place of "purgatory" exists to purify the souls of men. After enough penitence and punishment, one can enter heaven. God says it is the blood of Christ that takes away sin, not our suffering. I Thess. 4:13 says that we sorrow not as others which have _____. There is no hope of heaven for those who die outside of being "in Christ". There is no "universal reconciliation".

As believers we know that we have a _____ which is laid up for _____ in _____..." Col. 1:5.

Col. 1:27 "...Christ _____, the _____ of _____."

Dear friend, rejoice in knowing that our future in heaven is secure. Secured at the cross, where Christ took our curse, died our death and rose again, that all who trust in him might have eternal life.

Our loved ones who have died in Christ are a part of that hope. Don't sorrow as others which have no hope! Ours is sure, trustworthy, a confident expectation. Our hope is not empty, hollow, or of our own imagination.

Believers need not sorrow as the unsaved, with meaningless words, with a false hope! But, as Paul is about to go on in the next 5 verses of I Thess. 4:14-18, we have a grand and glorious hope, not only for ourselves, but for our loved ones who have died in Christ. We don't want to be ignorant of this great truth that Paul enlightens us to.