A GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.
- 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.
- 15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.
- 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.
- 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So encourage each other with these words.

God Is In

Acts 1:6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

- 7 He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.
- 9 After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.
- 10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them.
- 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

Ephesians 1:9 God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan.

10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

 Is Coming

Matthew 24:4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you,

- 5 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many.
- 6 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.

7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world.

8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

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2 Timothy 4:3 For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.

4 They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

Colossians 3:1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.

- 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.
- 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.
- 5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.
- 6 Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.

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Matthew 28:18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

- 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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- 1 John 1:5 This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.
- 6 So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.
- 7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.
- 8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

- 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.
- 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.
- 1 John 2:24 So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father.
- 25 And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us.
- 28 And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame.
- 1 Corinthians 11:26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.