

In this life we often experience the sorrow of separation - a child leaving for college / university, friends or family moving to another city, and children getting married and leaving home. In each of these cases our sorrow is tempered by the fact that we know we will be reunited with them.

At Thessalonica some of the Christians were concerned about fellow believers who had died prior to the return of Christ. Paul wrote to them to assure them that they would be reunited with their deceased loved ones. At what we refer to as the Rapture of the Church, Christ will raise deceased believers from the grave, followed by those who are alive. "Thus we shall always be with the Lord" - deceased and living believers reunited in Heaven.

So take comfort in Paul's words if you long to be reunited with deceased friends or family who died in Christ. A great reunion is coming which will last for eternity.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."