

For the week of April 19, 2015
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Good Grief

7th week in the series 'Between the Times.'

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Grief in the wake of loss, especially the loss of a loved one, is utterly appropriate. In fact, it's biblical. But Paul would not have us grieve hopelessly. How might we go about grieving appropriately, emptying the cup of grief so that God can fill it with something else?

Discussion Questions:

1. What sort of loss have you suffered, and how have you experienced such losses?
2. What sort of loss have you suffered, and how have you experienced such losses?
3. How do you think the biblical hope for the new heaven and the new earth, the new creation, as opposed to simply the hope for heaven, helps one's view of the "afterlife"?
4. How do you think you might grieve hopefully?
5. Do you think this passage describes a partial coming to earth, so that Christ can take believers to heaven, or do you think it describes a full and permanent coming, so that Christ can be with believers in the new creation? Or do you think it describes something else?