13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NIV

DO WE NEED HOPE?

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“H” Ways People Use to Face Death

The S Way
Bear up, and don’t give way to angry grief;
Nothing will come of sorrowing for your son,
Nor will you raise him up before you die. (Homer, The Iliad)

The M Approach

The human body has cells. Every one of them has the same basic job: K ______ y ______ a ______.

DO WE GET HOPE?

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him 1 Thessalonians 4:14 NIV

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Hebrews 2:10 NIV

He too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:14b-15 NIV

- Our Great Captain has opened a cleft in the pitiless walls of the universe and bid us come through. - C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

- He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, a dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine. -C.S. Lewis Mere Christianity

HOW DO WE U THIS HOPE IN OUR LIVES?

Therefore encourage one another with these words.1 Thessalonians 4:18

- I want to be a s ______ forever. John Updike, Author

And so we will be with the Lord forever. 1 Thessalonians 4:17b NIV

EXPERIENCES THIS HOPE?

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