



# NEWS from Bringing to Light

*The Entrance of Thy Words Giveth Light.*

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## Comfort One Another With These Words

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Jesus was beaten and then crucified. He died a horrible death but after three days in the grave, He arose victoriously. Acts 1:3 NIV, says, *“After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.”* He appeared first to Mary Magdalene (Mk. 16:9). He appeared to two men on their way to Emmaus (Lk. 24:13). He appeared to the disciples while they were hiding for fear (Jn. 20:19). Eight days later, He appears to them again (Jn. 20:26). He appears to them from the shore while they were fishing (Jn. 21:1,4). Jesus would be present one minute, then gone the next. We finally see Jesus in Acts 1:9-11. He ascends into the heavens, and an angel says to them, *“Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”* The disciples thought that Jesus would be right back. *“They tarried in Jerusalem as Jesus requested and ten days later were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).* Peter preached and 3,000 people believed upon Jesus as Lord. Later, 5,000 more became believers. The early church began to grow as the Word was preached.

Week, months, and years began to go by, and Jesus had not yet appeared to them as they had expected. They became discouraged. Their family members and friends passed away. Paul writes, *“...comfort one another with these words”* (1 Thes. 4:18). What were the Words that he spoke by the Holy Spirit? He began to tell them that they should not be *“ignorant concerning them which are asleep”* (who have died), *“that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope”* (v.13). Paul exhorts that we will see them again. *“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up (the rapture) together with them (Jesus and the ones who died in Christ) in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord”* (v.17). That is the comfort that we have in the passing of those we love.

If they died having received Jesus as their personal Savior, they are with Him, and we as believers in Christ, will be reunited with them. Amen!

Paul references the dead as “them which are asleep.” The word is koimaomai, which means those that are “lying asleep; to go to bed.” The body sleeps until it is reunited with the soul. *“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord”* (2 Cor.5:8). When one dies in Christ, his/her spirit man goes to be with Jesus. The joining of the soul (or their spirit) with the body takes place at the rapture (1 Thes. 4:16). So, the person who lies in the grave is only sleeping. The body will wake up, raise up, and ascend when Jesus *“shouts, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God”* (v.16).

Another word for “asleep” in these passages in koimeterion; where we get the word “cemetery”. It is the

same word “inn” as used when Joseph took Mary to the inn.

If you will, we are putting our deceased loved ones up for the night. The cemetery is only an inn; a place to stay for a short time. Just as a night’s sleep can feel like a moment, so is the sleep of those who have gone to be with the Lord. Church, Jesus is coming. We will be reunited with those who departed this life in Him. Amen!

## Rays of Light



The Truths we see in the Old Testament are “examples and shadows of things to come” (Heb. 8:5; 10:1; Col. 2:17). A dear brother reminded us of the Scriptures found in Exodus 3:7-10, *“And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey... I will send thee (Moses) unto Pharaoh...”* Have you noticed lately the cry that has been going out to God from the church? Do you ever remember so many dealing with so many things? There is a cry for Jesus to come and take us home. Now, don’t get me wrong, we will leave planet earth as a glorious church because we are His bride. I do believe that we are longing for our heavenly home where Jesus is King and Lord and to be free from Earth’s taskmasters. Truly, the Father is sending Jesus to take us home. *“Even so, come, Lord Jesus”* (Rev. 22:20).

## Taking the Light



- KFXB TV 40 Dubuque, IA, Fri. 10:30 am; KNLJ TV 25, Jefferson City, MO, Fri. 8:00 am; WHTN TV, Nashville, TN 4:00 pm
- WVLR TV 48-Monday, 9:30am & Friday, 8pm. Our program may be seen on the web, DT48.org. Also visit us at [www.bringingtolight.org](http://www.bringingtolight.org)
- Ministering every Thurs. evening at Ft. Sander’s Hospital.
- Counseling at Park West Church.
- Teaching PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD at Park West every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Park West Church.
- Ministering at the Alcoa-Maryville COG in Maryville, TN on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## Prayer Requests



- Our TV program is being submitted to approx. 25 managers of different TV, CTN networks. Please pray that our program will find favor and be used by their station. This would be programming aired at no cost to us.

*“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”*  
I Cor. 15:55

