



He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20 ESV)

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. (Revelation 22:12 ESV)

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. (Revelation 3:11 NIV)

**1. We must not be uninformed concerning the coming of the Lord and the trumpet call of God.**

- (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are

alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage [parakaleo] one another with these words.

- A. We must not be uninformed – the sound of the trumpet is the sound of God calling to himself those who believe that Jesus died and rose again, 4:13-17.
- B. We must not be uninformed as to what happens at the sound of the trumpet of God for believers who have already died, 4:13-16.
- C. We must not be uninformed as to what happens at the sound of the trumpet of God for believers who are still alive, 4:17.
- D. We must bring courage—alleviate sorrow or distress; give emotional strength—to one another with these words, 4:18.



## **WE MUST NOT BE UNINFORMED ...** **WE MUST BE READY ...**

**4:18 encourage ... παρακαλέω [parakaleo] ...** to call to one's side, call for, summon; to address, speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction; to admonish, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort; to alleviate sorrow or distress; *give emotional strength to ["with these words"]*.

**2. We must not be uninformed as to the imperishable, immortal change to our bodies that happens at the last trumpet.**

• (1 Corinthians 15:50–58 ESV) I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold! **I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.** 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.**

**A. We must not be uninformed**—Mere mortals do not inherit the kingdom of God, 15:50.

**B. We must not be uninformed**—We who believe that Jesus died and rose again shall be changed, 5:51-54.

**C. We must not be uninformed**—We are raised and changed because God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, 15:55-57.

**D. We must not be uninformed**—We are to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding because we know Christ's victory and our labor is not in vain, 15:58.

**3. We must not be uninformed and we must be ready because the King is coming and so are we.**

• (Revelation 19:11–16 ESV) Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! **The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True**, and in righteousness **he judges and makes war**. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and **the name by which he is called is The Word of God**. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 **On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.**

A. The one who is Faithful and True is coming to judge and make war.

B. His name is the Word of God.

C. He is coming and the armies of heaven follow him.

D. He is coming to *strike down* the nations, to *rule* them with a rod of iron and to *bring the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty*.

E. His name is written on his robe and on his thigh—King of kings and Lord of lords.