



I Thessalonians

Expecting the Coming of Christ



A Key Term

- Are You Expecting?

Important Repetition

- 1:10 – To await His Son from the heavens--**Rescue**
- 2:19- Before our Lord Jesus at His coming--**Reward**
- 3:13 – In the coming of our Lord Jesus--**Release**
- 4:13-18 – For the Lord Himself will descend--
Reunion
- 5:23 – Kept blameless at the appearing of our
Lord Jesus Christ--**Retooling**

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- Revelations of the Future – 4:13 – 5:28



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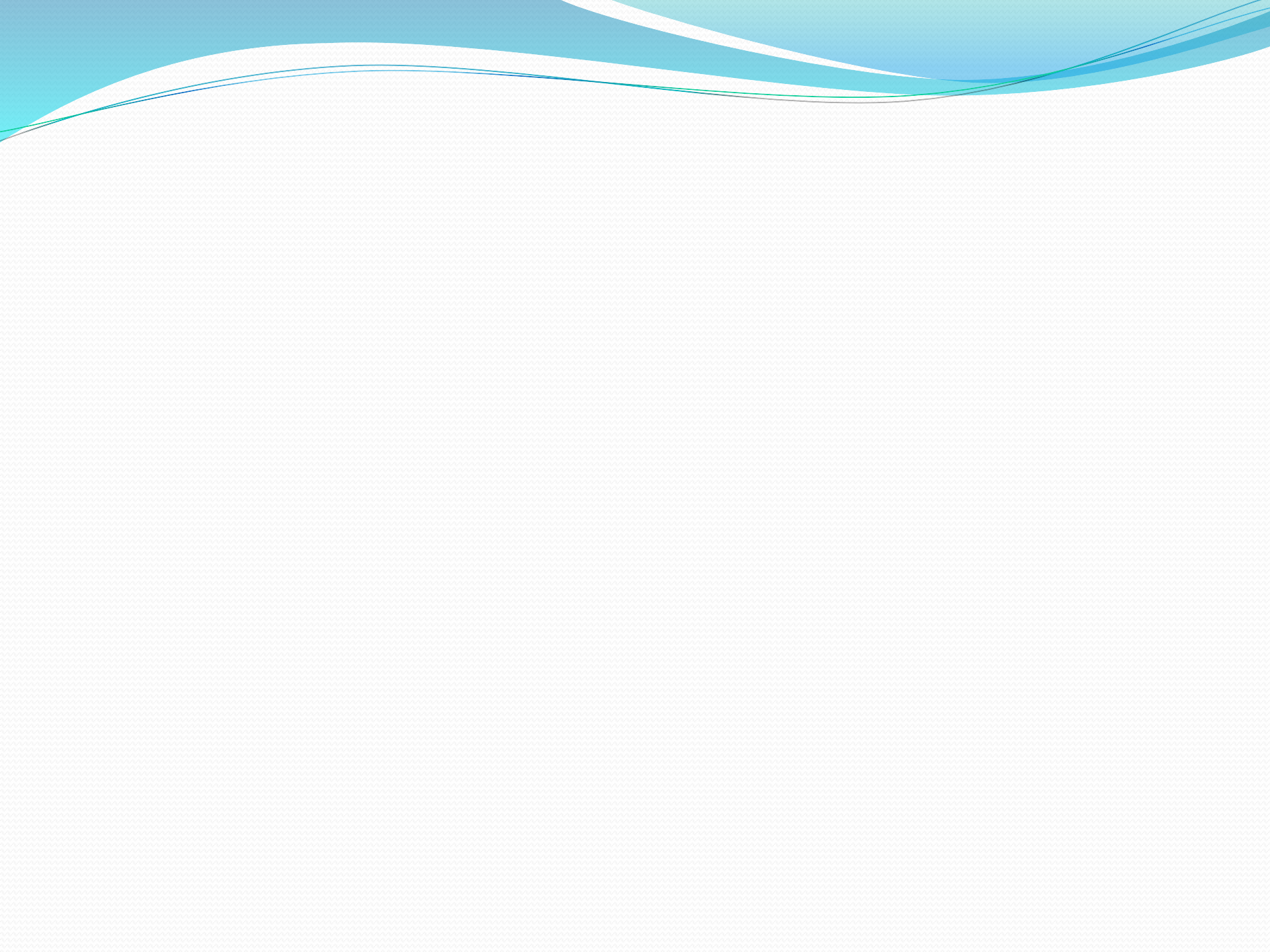
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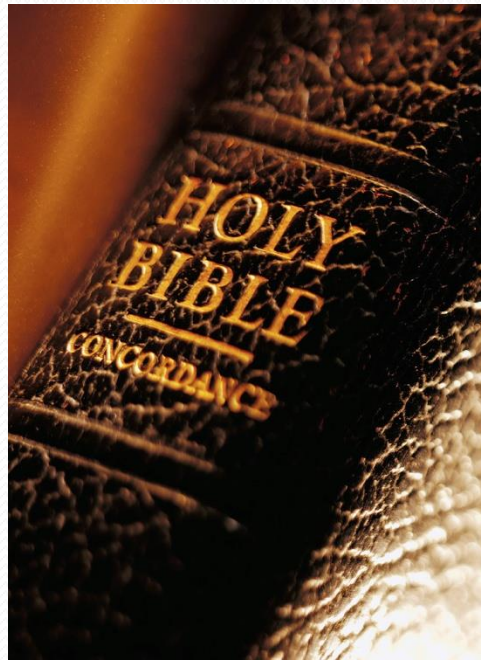
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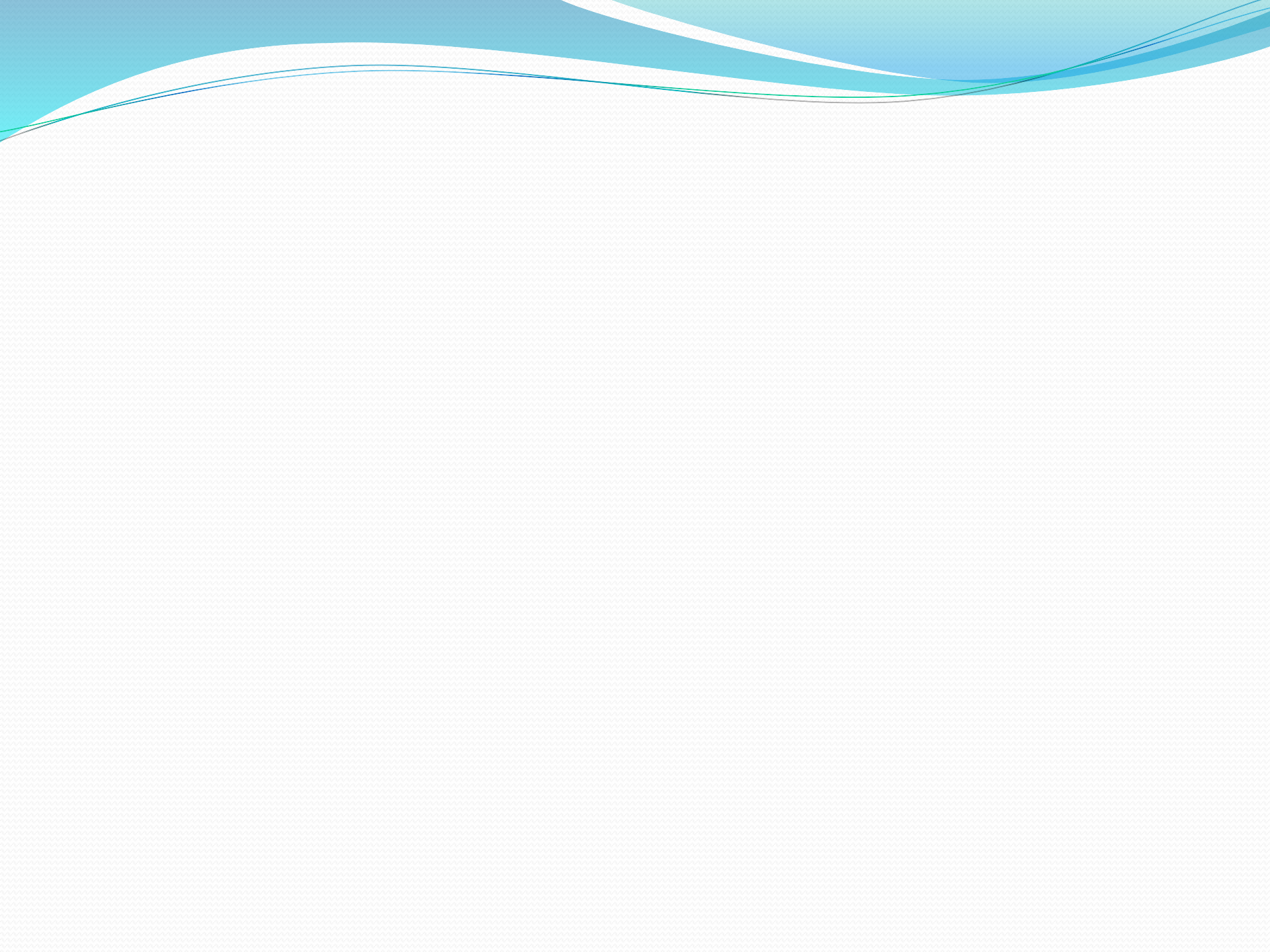


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- Stand up! – for what's true – Scripture
- with God's people - Solidarity



What to Expect from the Devil

- (From the World – Hostility)
- (From the Devil – Hindrances)



Do not be:

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- Ignorant of his devices

His Devices:

- Doubt
- Deception
- Division
- Discouragement
- Distraction

Do not be:

- Oblivious to his presence-- (real)
- Ignorant of his devices-- (relentless)
- Intimidated by his power—(resistible)



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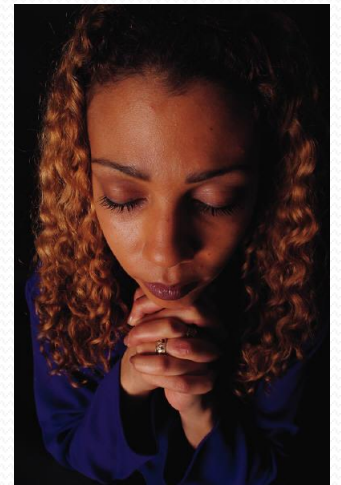


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Revelations of the Future



The Rapture of the Church

Reasons

Reassurance

Revelation

Return

Resurrection

Rapture

Reunion

Result

What to Expect at the Rapture

- I expect:
- To be alive when Christ returns
- To be changed instantaneously
- To be transported to the clouds
- To see Christ
- To be reunited with saved loved ones
- To stand at the judgment seat of Christ
- To be with Christ from then on

One Sad Thing about a Family Reunion

- Ya Gotta Be In The Fam!
- Do Not be Conspicuous by Your
Absence!



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- Destruction will snag the unbeliever

The Day of the Lord

- **Thievery**

Deception

Destruction

- Beginning of Sorrows

Great

Tribulation

- 3 1/2

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- Crescendoing Pain



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