

HOW SWEET THE SOUND

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I'll Fly Away

The Eternal Hope We Have As Christians

1. The Return: Christ is coming _____.

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **John 14:1-3 (NIV11)**

¹⁶For 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, **1 Thessalonians 4:16a (NIV11)**

2. The Resurrection: The dead in Christ will _____.

¹⁶ ... and the dead in Christ will rise first. **1 Thessalonians 4:16b (NIV11)**

I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

3. The Rapture: Living Christians are _____.

¹⁷After 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.... **1 Thessalonians 4:17a (NIV11)**

4. The Reunion: Christians will be with God _____.

¹⁷ ... And so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:17b (NIV11)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.

⁵¹ But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. **1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NLT2)**

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NIV11)

Living With an Urgency

• Because time is short, I won't leave:

- Words _____
- Deeds _____
- Hope _____

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
- Take specific action this week to not leave words unsaid, deeds undone, or hope unshared.
- Live each day with the hope of heaven.
- Pray today asking God to forgive me of my sin and to receive me as I accept Him as the Lord and Savior of my life.