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SOME WILL LEAVE

In the last few articles we shared some of the scriptures that describe the condition of society just prior to the return of Jesus Christ. If you missed any of the articles, the newspaper office has past copies on file. The Bible tells us that the next time Jesus Christ returns He will stop in mid air and call only His Fathers children. They will rise, meet Him in the air and He will carry them back to the Third Heaven where His Father has His throne. When the Bible refers to those who have fallen asleep, it is speaking of those whose material body has died.

⁵¹*Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.” (1st Corinthians 15:51-53 - New International Version)*

“13 We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, 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. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore, console one another with these words.” (1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 – New American Bible)