

## GRIEVING FAITHFULLY IN THE END TIMES

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-3A, 13-18 (ESV)

Pastor Jason's interpretive approach to "end times" texts:

We must maintain \_\_\_\_\_ in our interpretation, while paying attention to the explicit \_\_\_\_\_ of these texts.

*A repeated excursus on sanctification*

1. Sanctification is our progressive growth in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is the product and fruit of being saved, not the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It is achieved through willful collaboration with the Holy Spirit.
4. Even though our sanctification is incomplete, God views our good works through the works of Christ and is \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

I. Biblical hope \_\_\_\_\_ God to \_\_\_\_\_ in the future, as He always has in the past.

II. When we die, we will all likely have prayers for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ still partially unanswered.

A. Justice...

1. Happens when a person \_\_\_\_\_ for their sins against God and humanity.

2. Happens either in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, or at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

3. Is what the persecuted and oppressed long for—and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.

a) By all New Testament accounts, the first generation of Christians \_\_\_\_\_ to experience the return of Jesus in their \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Is not only \_\_\_\_\_ meted out on the sinner, it is also \_\_\_\_\_ for those sinned against.

#### B. Restoration...

1. Is what every Christian \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for in this life.

2. Is what Christians will experience together with Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, as we live in a restored \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Our hope for justice and restoration is not in this life, but in the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Our hope enables us...

A. To \_\_\_\_\_ differently and correctly, both for the dead and for ourselves.

B. To \_\_\_\_\_ injustice and brokenness, because we know how the story ends.