In thy presence, O Lord, is fulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Psal. xvi. 11.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice. St. John v. 28.

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. 29.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 1 Thes. iv. 13.

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For if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him. 14.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep. 15.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 16.

Then we which are alive, and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 17.

Wherefore, comfort one another with these words. 18.