

LYRICS TO LIFT YOUR LIFE

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10a^ THE MORNING SONG

We are waiting for the morning
when the Son of God will come
in His Father's radiant glory
to receive His people home.
He who died for our transgressions,
rose again out of the grave,
sat at God's right hand in heaven
will return to fully save. 1 Thess 1:10

There are others waiting for Him,
some of whom we showed the Way.
They will join the crowd triumphant,
welcome Jesus on that Day. 1 Thess 2:19

Looking forward to His coming 1 Thess 3:12,13
He prepares our hearts with love,
strengthens us for holy living
to receive Him from above.

Meanwhile we'll not mourn despairing
for believers who have died. 1 Thess 4:13-18
When that angel blows his trumpet
they'll return at Jesus' side!
He and they will gladly welcome
those of us who're still alive.
Then, while earth below is burning,
we will all in heav'n arrive.

Till that Day of final glory 1 Thess 5:23,24
may we all be kept from blame,
total body, soul and spirit
ready to be called by name,
at the coming of our Saviour
who is faithful, strong and true.
He will keep us by His power
until He makes all things new!

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*The eager expectation of the Church at Thessalonica,
that their Saviour Jesus Christ would soon return, kept them on their toes spiritually.
Because the timing of His return was unknown, Jesus had urged us to be ready always (Matt 24:42).
This was the reason why the apostles always applied the doctrine of the Second Coming
in a way that encouraged practical holy living, every day (1 Thess 5:23, 24; 2 Peter 3:10-14).
If we get distracted by the details of future events, we can miss the obligation to holy living
which the fact of His sudden Return is intended to emphasise.*

