

# A Great Hello

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Sis Emily Y. Lemley writes, “I have a photograph next to my computer. It is a photograph of a little boy, a two-year old. He is facing away from the camera, his arms stretched out toward a rainbow which is also in the picture. Though she cannot see the expression on his face, it must have been ecstatic. He was looking at his first rainbow and his parents wanted to catch the moment. Not only is it a great candid photo, but I will always remember his words, reported to me by his mother. He took a deep breath and shouted out to the rainbow, “I’m so glad to see you.”

For many of us, the early years of our lives are mostly “hello” years as we greet new friends, new siblings, new teachers, the one we are to marry, the children born to us, and then grandchildren. We’re so glad to see them! Then, as time passes, we find more and more occasions for saying “good-bye.”

But we haven’t said our last “hello” yet. Jesus is coming again—that’s our faith and hope, based on His resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, and His promise to return. Will He be like the rainbow was to the two-year old boy, and our response to it as his was . . . “I’m so glad to see you.” Are you prepared to see Jesus?

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