There is a Difference: 1 Thes 4:13-18

<u>Illus</u>: There is a difference between Men and Women!

Women are relational, Men are Accomplishment driven!

Illus: There is a Difference between 1st Class and Coach!

United boasts 4 in more leg room, I need seat room, canned ham.

Illus: There is a diff': Professing & Possessing:

<u>Illus</u>: It doesn't matter what I believe, just so I believe in something?

Have you taken a recent inventory of all the different beliefs?

Earth really is the Insane Asylum of the Universe!

Do you really want to believe in the wrong thing and hope for extra credit?

There is a Difference Between Ignorance vs. Knowing: 1 Thes 4:13

Ignorance~Unaware, Uninformed, or Without Knowledge!

I know, that I know, That I KNOW! (1 Jn 5:13)

Illus: "I don't believe you can know till you die"

Is that a chance you really want to take? (2 Tim 3:7 KJV) "Ever learning"

<u>Illus</u>: Taking a Comparative Religions Class

<u>Illus</u>: Why yes, I do have a liberal arts degree; would you like fries with that?

<u>Illus</u>: Have you ever met someone who died, and came back to tell you that is the true assessment of the afterlife? **I Have!**

Jesus said, LK 24:44-48)(Jn 20:26-29) John Knew (1 Jn 5:13)

Job Knew (Job 19:25-27) **Paul Knew** (2 Tim 1:12)

There is a difference between No Hope vs. Hope: 1 Thes 4:13

Without true knowledge, there is No Hope! Rom 10:13-14

Titus 2:13 The return of the Saviour!

There is no hope where there is no solid belief!

There is a difference between Unbelief vs. Belief: 1 Thes 4:14

<u>Illus</u>: Everybody has a plan, Atheist, Ancient Alien Theorist Everybody has something they are hoping in. (Atheist, Wicca) (John 9:35-39) (John 20:31)

There is a difference between Ressurection Vs Resusitation (Rom 6:9-10)

There is a difference Between Rapture vs. Return: 1 Thes 4:16-17

Rapture – (1 Cor 15:51-57)(Acts 1:11)

Return - (Zech 14:1-5) 2nd Coming as King of Kings

<u>Illus</u>: Closes the Door to heaven. (2 Thes 2:9-12)

(Jude 1:14-15) When He comes again, there will be no amnesty!

There is a difference between Being vs. Doing:

1 Cor 15:58, Matt 5:13-14

Illus: Salt Vs. Shaker;

Having a shaker, doesn't season the food!

Being the shaker, only makes you look like you have salt, God wants us to **Be salt**.

<u>Illus</u>: *Light vs. Flashlight w/o Batteries*.

A Flashlight looks like it could produce light.

God wants us to be light,

Candles go out, Flashlights have dead batteries.