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that if only the righteous rise, only the righteous hear this particular trump, but this passage doesn't say. We just don't know. The passage is only dealing with the righteous, it doesn't say anything about the wicked one way or the other.   Yes, Mr.----? (Student) Oh, yes. It's a very good point that v. 13 refers to--we mustn't sorrow for our dead as others sorrow for their dead, who don't have any hope, because the dead that die out of Christ have no reason to hope. If they have a resurrection from death, that is nothing to hope for. It might be a bodily resurrection to judgment but it is not a reason for hope. So our passage here doesn't say whether all the wicked are raised at the same time as all the righteous or not and it doesn't say whether only the righteous hear this call or whether all hear it and then it might be possible to say that they all hear it but only the righteous rise.   That would be possible, but it seems more reasonable to say that all hear it and all rise or that only the righteous hear it and only the righteous rise. It is pretty hard to be dogmatic among those various passages but I certainly don't think we can be dogmatic from this passage, but all hear us. The passage doesn't say. The passage is dealing with the righteous, and of course you can't even be dogmatic that any earthly person hears it, this shout, the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. He might press a button and all the dead rise. You don't have to shout for that, unless He chooses to use that form. It might simply indicate the great joy in the heavenly hosts at knowing that the present age of sorrow had come to an end and Christ was giving the declaration of victory to all the heavenly host and no earthly individual would necessarily have to hear it. Mr. Alling? (Student) The unrighteous living do not have any reason to hope about the unrighteous dead. Isn't it? (Student) Yes. But I mean, what are you talking about here. Is it that when you bury a dead you'd have--shouldn't sorrow like those sorrow who have no hope, and it evidently