



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Where in the World is the Church?

- 1) The souls of dead Christians are in Heaven enjoying fellowship with Jesus right now. (4:13-14, Cor. 5:10, Lk. 23:43)

- 2) When Jesus comes to rescue us, dead Christians are coming with Him. (4:14)

- 3) Dead Christians will be given resurrection bodies first when Jesus comes to rescue us. (4:15-17, 1 Cor. 15:20-23)

- 4) Living Christians will be rescued and also given resurrection bodies when Jesus comes. (4:17, 1 Cor. 15:50-52)

- 5) All Christians will be with Jesus from the day of rescue and forever. (4:17-18)
 - A) Keeps Our Eyes to the Skies (Phil. 3:20-21)

 - B) Turns Exhaustion into Eagerness (Hebrews 9:28)

 - C) Assures the Weary of Rest (John 14:1-4)