

# Only Two Ways Off This Planet

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

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## Revelation Series

- I. What happens when we die? Four preliminary issues.  
(The Thessalonians were confused and anxious about death and the rapture. I Thess. 4:13-18)
  - A. There is **life** after death.  
(I Cor. 15:22; Rom. 5:12; Matt. 22: 31-32; I Cor. 15:13-20, 3-8)
  - B. Don't be **ignorant** about death.  
(I Thess. 4:13; Deut. 26:14; Heb. 9:27)
  - C. Don't be **fearful** of death.  
(I John 4:18; Is. 53:6; Rom. 8:1; I Cor. 15: 54-56)
  - D. Don't be involved in **hopeless** grief. (I Thess. 4:13)
  
- II. What happens to the Christ follower at death?
  - A. When a Christ follower dies, only the **body** dies  
(Matt. 27:57-60; cf. John 11)
  - B. When a Christ follower dies, the **soul** goes to be with the Lord. (II Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; Lk. 23:43)
  
- III. When our bodies are raised, what will they be like?
  - A. The body will be raised **imperishable**. (I Cor. 15:42)
  - B. The body will be raised in **glory**.  
(I Cor. 15:43; I Jn. 3:2; Mk. 9:6)
  - C. The body will be raised in **power**. (I Cor. 15:43)
  - D. The body will be raised a **spiritual** body. (I Cor. 15:44; Luke 24)
  
- IV. What about those whose bodies are destroyed at the instant of death (fire, explosions, war etc.)? Will God be able to raise them as well?
  - A. What is **sown** is not what is **reaped**. (I Cor.15:37)
  - B. God has no problem making something **new** out of something **old**. (Rev. 21:5; Acts 26:8)
  - C. We will be able to **recognize** each other in heaven.
  - D. There will be no **marriage** in heaven. (Matt. 22:30)
  
- V. What of those who were aborted? Still born? What about children who die before the age of accountability?
  - A. They are at **peace**. (Ecc. 6:3-5; Job 3: 11-17)
  - B. They will not **come back** to us but in Christ we will go to them. (II Sam. 12:23b; Heb. 9:27)



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