

**[1 Thessalonians]  
Lesson 3**

**The Rapture**

**(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)**



Dates Unknown

**Return  
of Christ  
FOR His  
Church**

**Tribulation**

**Return  
of Christ  
WITH His  
Church**

**1000-year  
rule of Christ**

**Final  
judgment  
of Satan  
and all  
unbelievers**

**New  
Heavens  
and  
New  
Earth**

*"... from everlasting  
to everlasting,  
You are God."*

*Psalms 90:2*

# End Time Events

1. **The World** Is **Sad** / **Fears** Death  
**The Church** Is **Hopeful** / **NOT Fear** Death



(1 Thess. 4:13) *But I (Paul) would not have you (church) to be ignorant (not know), brethren, concerning them which are asleep (dead), that ye sorrow (sad) not, even as others which (the world) have no hope.*



[see 1 Thess. 1:9-10; Eph. 2:12]

## **2. Jesus Will Bring with Him from Heaven All Church That Before Died.**



(1 Thess. 4:14) *For if **we** (church) believe that **Jesus** died and rose again, even so **them** also **which** sleep (died) in **Jesus** will **God** bring with **him**.*

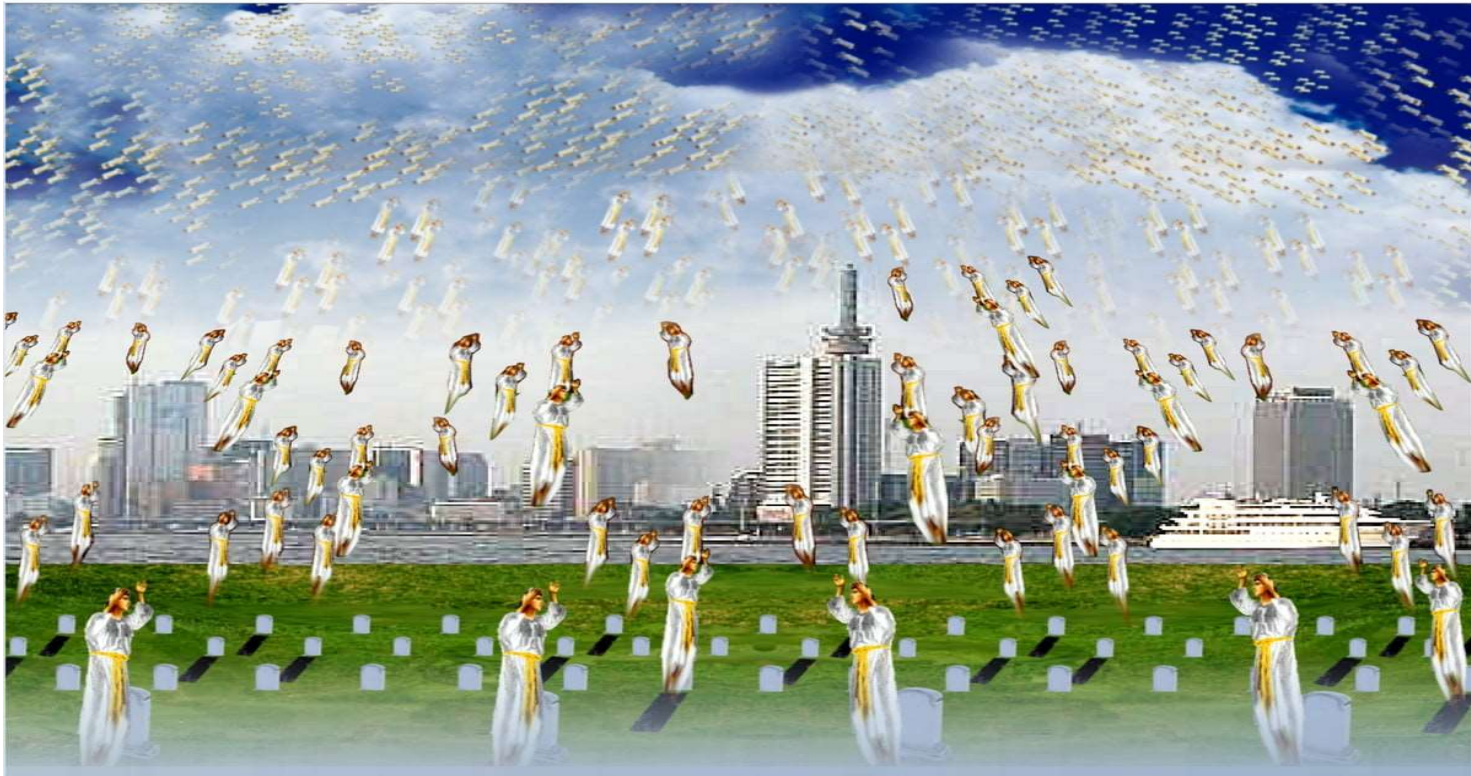
Our **body** is as a **house** in **which** our soul/spirit lives.

**The bodies of all believers belong to God because He bought them with His Blood.**

**So, God will raise and change the believer's bodies and their spirit/souls will return to their bodies.**

[Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:17-22; 2 Cor. 5:1-8; 1 Thess. 4:14]

**3. Jesus Will Descend from Heaven to the Sky;  
All the Church that Before Died Will First Be Raised  
and Meet Jesus in the Sky.**



(1Th 4:15) *For this we say unto **you** (church) by the word of the Lord (Bible), that **we which** are **alive** and remain unto the coming of the Lord (Rapture) shall **not prevent** (go before) **them which** are asleep (dead).*





(1Th 4:16) For **the Lord himself** shall descend (come down) from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel (leader-angel), and with the trump of **God**: and **the dead** in **Christ** shall rise first [the First Resurrection]:

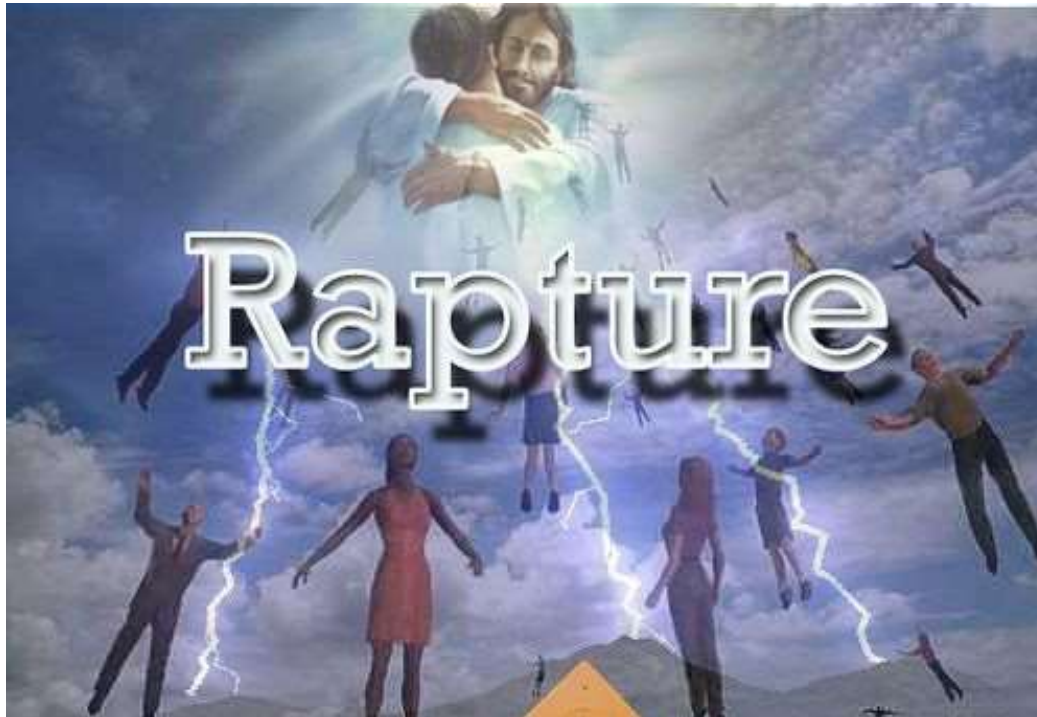
(John 11:43) He (Jesus) cried with a loud voice (yell), ~~Jesus~~, come forth.

If NOT say, "**Lazarus**",  
then **ALL** dead in world  
would have been raised!

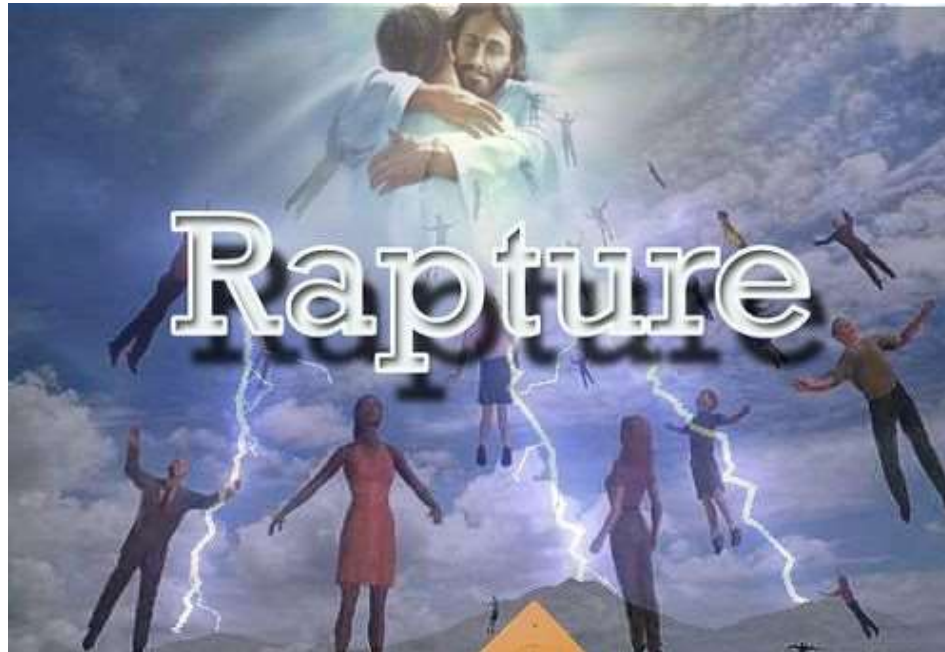
Same Jesus may  
shout, "**My Church**,  
come forth!!"

[John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:51-54]

**4. The Church Still Alive  
Will Also Be Raised to the Sky  
To Meet Jesus and the Church Before Dead**



(1Th 4:17) Then **we which** are **alive and remain** shall be caught up (Raptured) together with **them** (Church before died) in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall **we** ever (forever) be with the Lord.



(1Th 4:18) Wherefore (so) comfort **one another** with these words [Truth about the Rapture, Eternal Life with Jesus in Heaven, no fear of death, no separation from Church family..].

## Comfort One Another with the Truth

