



An Anticipating Church

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Christ's Return

- A mighty church anticipates Christ's return.
- The Bible never speaks of a secret rapture where faithful Christians disappear while unbelievers are left behind.
- When Christ returns everyone will know it and everyone, one will be amazed.



The Resurrection



- **Mighty churches anticipate the resurrection.**
- **Paul compares the resurrection to a seed that is buried in the ground before sprouting new life.**
- **When you die, your spirit moves out of your body temporarily until it has been repaired and remodeled.**
- **At the resurrection, your spirit will move into your newly remodeled, indestructible, glorified, powerful, supernatural body.**

A Great Reunion

A church building with a steeple, set against a dark blue background with classical columns.

- A mighty church can look forward to a great reunion.
- Mighty churches not only look forward to a reunion but to our reward.
- If you put your faith in Jesus, you will not have to prove your worth to get your reward.
- Jesus promises one thing that no one else can offer—eternal life.
- Paul wanted the Thessalonian church to see the coming of Christ as an encouragement.

Conclusion

The background of the slide features a church building with a prominent steeple, set against a dark blue, textured background. The church has a white facade with a large stained-glass window and a brown roof. The scene is framed by classical columns on either side, suggesting an interior or a grand architectural setting.

- **Mighty Churches of every generation can still look forward to:**
 - **Christ's Return**
 - **The Resurrection**
 - **A Great Reunion**
- **There is no predicting when Jesus will return, so a mighty church is a church that is ready to go at all times.**
- **It is time to start packing.**