

it says Jesus or Jesus Christ in certain places and say we must follow certain particular Greek MSS, otherwise it is not the Word of God, and therefore keep people from using a translation in modern English and use something that says we won't prevent those who are asleep. The average person gets no sense from it. How could we prevent them? It's utter nonsense. It wasn't when the KJV was made, but it is today because the language has changed. Prevent simply meant to come before 400 years ago. Today prevent means come before in the sense of stopping, and that's true you stop something by coming before it. But the word has been limited in its meaning, and there's not one person in 1000 who reading this passage in KJV would have any idea what it means. But in the NARB I was successful with considerable effort in persuading the members of the committee to make a few changes in words that do not convey meaning today.

So if you have that edition, you have a little line before and after precede and the letters ww and you look in the margin and it say "KJV prevent" but precede is what it meant in old English. We will not precede those who are asleep. It's very evident that the people in Thessalonica were worried because they felt that they would have the great joy of seeing Jesus when He came back and their good friends who had died would not have that great joy. They were in heaven and were to stay there and would not see Jesus Christ come back. So he says, You should not sorrow that way, we will not precede them. This is an event that will include both them and us, it will include all who have been saved through the Lord Jesus Christ.