

sermon notes

May 15, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship
Kingdom Called | "Dealing with Death" | 1 Thess 4:13-18

How do you deal with death?

1. You _____ with hope (4:13)
2. You _____ death (4:14)
3. You _____ for resurrection (4:15-16)
4. You _____ one another (4:17-18)

Four wrong approaches to death:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Many have referred to this passage as the perfect "funeral text." Why do people say that? How would this passage be an encouragement to believers gathered at a funeral?

What happens to Christians after they die? Will Christians who died miss out on Christ's return? How do you know? What happens to Christians who are still alive when Christ returns? When will those who are dead in Christ receive "resurrection bodies"? When will those who are alive at Christ's coming receive their new bodies? What will these bodies be like? What will they look like?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58. How do Paul's words in 1 Thess 4:13-18 correspond with 1 Cor 15:35-58? Why does Paul mock death in verse 55? Does Paul trivialize death with his statements? Is death something to be feared by Christians?

GET PERSONAL

Should Christians grieve over death? How is Christian grief different than the grief of an unbeliever? What happens to Christians when their view of death is all grief and no hope? What happens when their view of death is all hope and no grief? What's the proper way for a Christian to respond to death?

John MacArthur says, "Paul's purpose in writing about the Rapture [1 Thess 4:13-18] and the Day of the Lord was not primarily theological and eschatological, but pastoral and practical in order to give them hope and comfort." Do you agree with that statement? Why would the Thessalonian church need hope and comfort? Do we need this in our day?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Jesus told us to be watchful and anticipate his return (Matt 24:42; 25:13). What does watchfulness look like for the Christian? Does that mean we should quit our jobs and sit around and wait for him to return? If not, why not?

ADVANCED QUESTION

What new insights have you gleaned on eschatology (study of the end times) from this sermon and this passage? Are there any issues regarding the end times that are unclear in your mind? Watch the following videos by Pastor Tony to help you understand better the important subjects of eschatology:

- 1) Christ's Return - <https://app.vidgrid.com/view/Tpp1fPCR65m9>
- 2) The Intermediate State - <https://app.vidgrid.com/view/GIRC8JlmmKUq>
- 3) The Eternal State - <https://app.vidgrid.com/view/zNn6MfDYlrYV>
- 4) The Rapture <https://app.vidgrid.com/view/oVnKSiVeyz75>
- 5) The Tribulation <https://app.vidgrid.com/view/OJBfQaXL2INz>
- 6) The Millennium - <https://app.vidgrid.com/view/DXPYLbkZERbh>