

I Thessalonians

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1 Thess 4:13 Interpretive Translation

Now we do not want you to be ignorant (*without knowledge, uninformed*) brethren (*fellow members of the Royal Family of God*) about those who are asleep (*those who have physically died*), in order that you will not grieve as do the rest (*unbelievers*), the ones not having confident expectation.

POD #1 – The Christian who has physically died should not be considered dead.

POD #2 – Instead, loved ones should be considered as having fallen asleep in the Lord.

POD #3 – Sleep implies that there will be a future time when loved one is woken.

POD #4 – God determines the time, manner and place of the Christian's death for His greater glory.

- God controls the dying process as well as death.
- God has provided all the grace you will need to navigate that phase of your life.
- The believer who is positive toward Bible doctrine should learn to depend upon the grace of God while they are dying. Known as the **sufficiency of grace**.

WHY DOES SOMEONE GRIEVE?

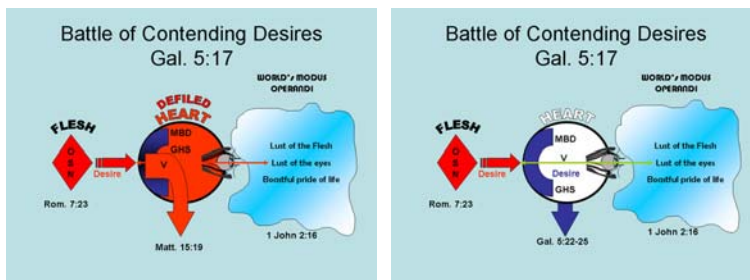
1. A human being becomes sad or grieves due to his perception of a given circumstance or situation.
2. Perception is affected by EPIGNOSIS (“full knowledge”; to know and to believe)
3. Greek verb **LUPEO** indicates emotion is involved.
4. Emotion is the immaterial response mechanism in the soul.
5. Emotional response actuates (or sets in motion) in the soul depending on how one perceives a given set of circumstances.
 - **DOCTRINE AFFECTS PERCEPTION.**
 - Religion has no accountability to God.
 - Believers and unbelievers grieve – what makes the difference is 1) salvation or NOT, 2) metabolized Bible doctrine (EPIGNOSIS) or NOT.

POD #5 – Doctrine is communicated to affect how the Christian perceives the death of a loved one so that he does not grieve in the same manner as unbelievers.

POD #6 – The application of metabolized Bible doctrine under the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit prevents emotion from functioning under the controlling influence of the old sin nature.

- The application of metabolized Bible doctrine insures the battle line of the soul stays in place.

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