

SERIES: Functioning Well in a Malfunctioning World

SERMON: What Happens to a Christian When They Die?

TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

I. **Fact #1:** For a Christian, death is like _____.

II. **Fact #2:** For a Christian, death _____ them into _____.

III. **Fact #3:** For a Christian, death is not something to _____ because Jesus _____ and was _____.

“Unlike other religions, Christianity possesses a Founder who transcends death and promises that His followers will do the same. Every other religion was founded by men or prophets whose end was the grave. As Christians, we know that God became man, died for our sins, and was resurrected the third day. The grave could not hold Him. He lives, and He sits today at the right hand of the Father in heaven.”

(The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus by Gary Habermas and Michael Licona)

(3) Ways for a Christian to conquer their fear of death according to Psalm 23:4:

Way #1: Embrace the reality

_____ is _____.

Psalm 23:4 (NASB95)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death . . .

Way #2: Embrace the reality

I _____ die _____.

Psalm 23:4 (NASB95)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me . . .

Way #3: Embrace the reality that God will _____ when I die.

Psalm 23:4 (NASB95)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.