

CONFESSIONS OF A PASTOR

PART 1 / SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

"I'm frustrated when healing doesn't happen."

"I'm bothered when good people die while praying and believing
to be healed."

Matthew 8:16 Matthew 9:35 Matthew 12:15 Matthew 14:14
Matthew 14:35-36 Matthew 15:30 Matthew 19:2 Hebrews 13:8

LIFE LESSONS:

1. We must always base our belief system on the Word of God and not _____.
2. Many view the _____ of a believer as a _____.

Hebrews 9:27 . . . people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

❖ To go to heaven and be with Jesus is a promotion not a _____.

Philippians 1:21,23 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (NLT) And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

❖ Death is a _____ of _____ not a cease of existence.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

3. _____ and _____ are compatible and not a contradiction.

PASTORAL CONFESSION:

"Me and my family go to the doctor,
take medicine, and have surgeries."

FAITH COVER-UPS

1. They're in _____.
2. They're in _____.
3. They're in _____.

James 4:17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

**All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*