

"On Death and Dying"

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In 1969, Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, M.D. pinned a book entitled *On Death and Dying*. This book was the result of her studies working with patients who were facing death and it introduced what we now refer to as the five stages of grief. The goal Dr. Kübler-Ross had in publishing this book is that it would be a useful tool for doctors, nurses, and anyone else who may be dealing with a patient who is dying. Since its publication it has in fact been a major resource to those individuals. From doctors to preachers to morticians and everyone in-between who deals with death, it has been an aid in understanding the mind of those who are facing death.

As mentioned, this book is where we first see the five stages of grief covered and she does so by devoting a chapter to each of the five stages. It is the chapter following these stages though that caught my attention. The chapter is simply entitled, Hope. Through this chapter Dr. Kübler-Ross proposes that, at least in the patients she observed, most facing death never lose hope. They may come to terms with their death, and they may even be at peace with it, but there is still almost always a sense of hope. A hope that a cure will be discovered. A hope that a miracle will happen, and they will wake up cured and healthy. A hope that they will not die. Many have probably experienced this hope for ourselves or for our loved ones. A hope for more days.

This hope is not wrong, but as I read this chapter, I could not help but think of the Christians hope. Peter discusses this hope in part in 1 Peter 1:3. The Christian has a living hope because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. There is a difference between the hope Peter speaks of and that mentioned by Dr. Kübler-Ross. The hope Peter references is not a hope of possibility but one of assurance. The Christian, like Peter, can be assured in their hope. But what is the hope that Peter is writing of?

To Answer this question, we must understand why this hope is there. As Peter says, it is through the resurrection of Christ. If that is the case then our hope is because of the salvation of our soul (1 Pt 3:21), and in eternal life (Jn 3:16, 4:14, 5:24, Rm 6:22). As Dr. Kübler-Ross writes almost all hope for a prolonged life. For the Christian this hope is assured. Not in this mortal realm (Heb 9:27) but in the eternal (Rev 2:11).



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jan.

"Let the word of
Christ dwell in you
richly in all wisdom"
Colossians 3:16

28th

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class – 7:00

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Today's Lessons

AM.....Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor
PM.....I & II Chronicles

Those to Serve

Greeters.....
Announcements.....Bud Wolcott
Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald
Opening Prayer.....
Communion Leader.....Steve Deatricks
Sermon.....Corey Tackett
Closing Prayer.....

NEXT Weeks Greeters.....

Announcements

- We will have a budget meeting on the 3rd of Feb @ 8:00 AM.
- There will be an L2L art party after 1st service on Jan 21st.
- February 23rd we will have a singing and time to fellowship at the Deatricks' house.
- NEXT Sunday is First Sunday Fellowship. The theme will be TEXMEX.

Records

Sunday AM.....56	Wednesday PM.....23
Sunday PM.....10	Contribution.....\$1669

Upcoming Events:

January

21st - L2L Art Party
31st - L2L Quiz

February

3rd - Budget Meeting
23rd - Singing (Deatricks)

Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.

If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

Prayer Requests and Updates

Members:

Ed & Linda Bumstead.	Ruth Young
Gaylon Williams.	Carolyn & Newal Yarbrough
Fred Johnson	-
Shirly Morris	-
Tommy Williams	-

Family and Friends:

Tony Wright	Glen Burks	James Welch
Mary Ann Hatton	Sandra Golden	
Ella Thomas	Jaunita Hatton	
Charles Wright	Danny Roberts	