

THE TOMB IS TEMPORARY

Dear Friend:

The other day my sister texted my two brothers and I about a matter of grave importance (literally). She wanted to know what we wanted to do with the remaining empty burial plots our family has down in Georgesville (south of Grove City). Between my grandma and mom they purchased 12-14 plots (back when plots cost \$50-\$100). We had plenty, so in some cases we gave a few away to distant family members. Now, it is time for my brother and I to decide yes or no, will we (and spouses) be buried there?

Most people do not sit around and think often about death and burial plots but at times we need to. For the Christian, thinking about death doesn't have to be a grave thought (pun intended!). For the sake of this article I am going to refer to the grave as a tomb. When people die we often say, "He/she passed away." Really we ought to say, "He/she passed on." On to where? For the Christian, that's easy: passed on to heaven. Death has been swallowed up in victory (I Cor. 15:54). Leaving earth and "landing" in heaven is better than any moment in this life. As a matter of fact, your best moment will be the moment after you die, your soul will go to be with God. Please for the sake of space let me summarize what the Bible says about what happens after a Christian dies.

After we die, our soul immediately goes to heaven, our body goes in the ground. The Bible is not very specific but our soul gets a heavenly body. Heaven is beyond a "beautiful place". At the second coming of Christ, whatever remains of our body in the tomb will come out of the ground and be united with the heavenly body. A perfect body. No aches, pains, wrinkles, sore feet, sore back, etc. Very quickly, a new heaven and new earth are formed and the two will become one, this is our eternal home. For the Christian this world is as bad as it gets, heaven is as good as it gets. If this world gets you down, remember: the tomb is temporary.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Pastor Al Carter, Victims and Families from mass shootings in Uvalde and Buffalo, Clarabell Harlan

Events: Saturday, May 28th at 8:30AM: Spend an hour helping clean the picnic area and shelter house. Mulch spreading mainly needed. Light snow shovels provided (best for tossing mulch).