



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)

V 9 This verse begins with a natural division word, "Now...". The subject changes from sinful living to loving one another. Who first taught Christians to love one another ?

V 10 How does this verse brake down the barriers of denominations ?

Vs 11-12 Why should Christians not "go on strike", but rather just go and get another job ?

V 13 Notice how this verse is a part of the same subject of loving one another ! Death does not end love, but reminds us where we are going. What should we do at a believer's funeral ?

V 14 **Where** are believers today who have died ?

V 15 **When** will believers who have died be given a resurrected body ?

Vs 16-17 Are you confused by the order of events ? This is an example of Hebrew culture and writing to tell the most important facts first and then go back over how it happened.

Which events happen first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh ? Is there any doubt that there will be a rapture of Christians still alive when Christ returns ?

V 18 In the context of love for one another, **what** should we do this week for those who have "lost loved ones" ? Are they really lost if they are Christians !! ?