 Lesson #4A

Death

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**Death**. Just the very word brings all of the days thoughts to a stop, even if for just a short moment. There’s something about that word that makes all mankind wonder. It is one of the few words if spoken out loud or shouted in a crowd can bring things to a halt. What is **Death**? There are many descriptions of what **death** is. How does one know **death** has taken place? What does it mean when it is spoken “life after **death**?” Perhaps, it might not be possible to describe **death** until one knows what life is? *Study #12A (L-2)* in the ABCs of Christian Growth is a study on life and what the Bible says it is. In this study we shall look into Gods word and find the knowledge and understanding of the question, and man's wonder about “What is **death**?”

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* The word **DEATH** is mentioned **194** times in the **O.T.** and **138** in the **N.T.** with the Lord Jesus speaking the word **23** times in the **N.T.** **DEATH** is written **17** times in Revelation.

Definitions of (**death**) from the worlds perspective.

**DEATH**-

The event of dying or departure from life; The permanent end of all life functions in an organism or part of an organism; The absence of life or state of being dead;

The time when something ends; The time at which life ends; continuing until dead; A final state; The act of killing; The personification of **death**; decease; demise; destruction; dying; end;

expiry; last.

**DEAD**- No longer having or seeming to have or expecting to have life; Not showing characteristics of life especially the capacity to sustain life; no longer exerting force or having energy or heat; Very tired; Unerringly accurate; Physically inactive; (followed by 'to') not showing human feeling or sensitivity; unresponsive; Devoid of physical sensation; numb; Lacking acoustic resonance; Not yielding a return; Not circulating or flowing; Not surviving in active use; Lacking resilience or bounce; Out of use or operation because of a fault or breakdown; No longer having force or relevance; Complete; rained of electric charge; discharged; People who are no longer living; A time when coldness (or some other quality associated with death) is intense; Quickly and without warning; Completely and without qualification; used informally as an intensifier; abruptly; absolutely; all in; beat; bushed; deadened; drained; idle; numb; perfectly; short; stagnant; suddenly; utter; utterly.

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**EAT AT**- Become ground down or deteriorate; erode; gnaw; gnaw at; wear away; crumble; decay; dilapidate.

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**Death** of the Saints

1. ***What death is described as for the Saints***
2. **Death** is described as "*sleep in Jesus"*

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning t \_ \_ \_ which a \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ which s \_ \_ \_ \_

i \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ will God b \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which a \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall rise first: Then we which a \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ and remain shall b \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ together w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." ***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18***

When the Bible speaks of "sleeping in Jesus" there are some truths we need to understand. Let's take them from the verses above.

* First of all, the Scripture is speaking to saints only, (O.T./N.T.) not those which "have no hope."(***vs. 13***)
* The saints that have died are also referred to as the "the dead in Christ."(***vs. 16***)
* The Scriptures are teaching the living saints not to worry about the dead in Christ.(***vs. 13***) ***1 Corinthians 15:6***
* The sleeping saint is not in the grave with his body, he (his soul) is with the lord. ***2 Corinthians 5:6-8*** His body (sleeping) is rotting in the grave. (***Genesis 3:19***; ***Psalms 90:9,10; 104:29***; ***Ecclesiastes 12:7***; ***Matthew 27:52,53***)
* The Scripture says that those that "sleep in Jesus will God **BRING WITH HIM.** (***vs. 14***)
* At the rapture, the Lord comes with the dead saints (out of the body) that are already with Him, the dead saints sleeping bodies rise first, then we which are alive (still in the body) rise to meet them (the saints out of the body) in the air, and we are all changed. (Given new bodies fashioned like unto His glorious body. ***1 Corinthians 15:48-53***; ***John 11:25,26***; ***Philippians 3:20,21***

1. **Death** is described as *"Blessed"* for the Saints

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ which d \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." ***Revelation 14:13***

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"And the Lord s \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ from every evil work, and w \_ \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ unto h \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." ***2 Timothy 4:18***

**BLESSED**- *Highly favored or fortunate* (as e.g. by divine grace); Characterized by happiness and good fortune; Enjoying the bliss of heaven; Confer prosperity or happiness on;

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have

entered into the heart of man, t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_."

***1 Corinthians 2:9***; ***15:19***; ***Colossians 3:1-4***

1. **Death** is described as *"a gain"* for the Saints

"For to me to live is Christ, and t \_ d \_ \_ i \_ g \_ \_ \_. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ b \_ w \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; which is f \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:" ***Philippians 1:21-23***

According to the Apostle Paul, **death** for the saint is "a gain." This is what he said about dying. These people that say at **death**, it is the end, are deceiving themselves. Perhaps they just do not want to think about the upcoming meeting with God. Doesn't change a thing. Still going to die and still going before the Lord. I'm glad I'm saved aren't you? Paul also said that he was having trouble in his mind. He said "he wanted to die (depart). If Paul would have been here today he'd be on fifteen psychiatric med's for being suicidal. But, that is "*what he said*!" He said he wanted to depart and go be with Christ. He also said for the saint it is "far better to be with Christ” than to be here in this body. I agree. I'm ready to depart as soon as the Lord decides, aren't you? So, according to the Apostle Paul "dying" for the saint "is good news." People say, "How can that be?" Because it is GOD that ***said it***! And, that's His word! Death is not perishing for the Christian. ***2 Corinthians 4:16-18*** Praise Him!

1. **Death** is described as *"Peace"* for the saints

"The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. H \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_: they s \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness." ***Isaiah 57:1,2***

Does this above sound like terrible, painful destruction for the righteous. Not at all! Isaiah say's "he shall enter into ***PEACE***." This does not sound like what the world presents as death. They are scared of **death**. A saved person has nothing to fear about **death**. Paul was looking forward to it and Isaiah said its entering into *peace* and *rest*. Isn't this what the entire human kind is looking for? Yet, if God has it, and they have to come to God, they would rather find their own. What a disaster. ***Matthew 11:28***

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1. **Death** is described as *"a crown of righteousness"* for the saints

"For I am now r \_ \_ \_ \_ to be offered, and t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ of m \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is l \_ \_ \_ u \_ f \_ \_ m \_ a c \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall g \_ \_ \_ m \_ at that day: and not to me only, but u \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ that love his appearing. ***2 Timothy 4:6-8***

Here in this Scripture, Paul did not say he was going to cease to exist. He said he was departing, as in "going somewhere else." Did Paul's body get buried? Of course it did! Paul (his soul, him) departed his body (at **death**) and went to be with the Lord. Paul also said, he knew the Lord had him a crown of righteousness to give to him, and to everyone that is looking forward to seeing Jesus. A dead rotten body cannot hardly wear a crown of righteousness, now can it?

1. ***People that exemplify (clarify by example)the Saints Death***
2. *Abraham is* an example of the saints **death**

"And these are the days of the years of Abraham’s l \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. T \_ \_ \_ Abraham g \_ \_ \_ u \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_,

a \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and w \_ \_

g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ his people." ***Genesis 25:7,8***

Did you notice that that even though Abraham lived 175 years and was old and died, and in the following verses was buried in the cave with Sarah his wife, he came out of his body and was gathered unto his people in Paradise. He was not dead, as in GONE or CEASING TO BE, he was departed, as Paul did. ***Luke 16:19-31*** You see, Abraham was very much alive (as a ghost, his soul, him) after his **death** (in another place, without his earthly body.)

***GHOST*** - The visible disembodied soul of a dead person. ***2 Corinthians 12:2,3***

1. *Isaac* is an example of the saints **death**

”And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.

And Isaac g \_ \_ \_ u \_ t \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_, and d \_ \_ \_, and w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_." ***Genesis 35:28,29***

Do you see how the same thing that happened to Abraham, also took place with his son Isaac. Isaac died, he gave up the ghost (his soul) and was gathered unto his people, and then his sons buried him. So which is it? Did he die, or was he gathered unto his people , or was he buried. Which is true? ALL are true! Isaac died (his body,) his soul departed his body and was gathered to his people in Paradise, and his sons buried his mortal body. All are true. Nowhere do the Scriptures say anything about a saint suffering after **death** or an intermediate place (purgatory).

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1. *Jacob* is an example of the saints **death**

"And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_, and w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Genesis 49:33***

Again, father, son, and grandson all died in similar ways. Yielded up the ghost, gathered somewhere else and earthly body is buried and left behind. No soul is sleeping in the grave or even left there. The body sleeps until the return of the Lord. Even the unsaved do not stay in their body after **death**. ***Luke 16:22,23***

1. *Elisha* is an example of the saints **death**

"Now Elisha was f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ of his sickness whereof h \_ d \_ \_ \_. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_, and they b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet." ***2 Kings 13:14,20,21***

Elisha, a Great Prophet of the Lord, died of a sickness. It was not his soul that was sick, but his earthly body that died. His soul departed as the others and they buried his body in a sepulchre. When they lowered the other body into Elisha's sepulchre, his bones were all that was there, not his soul. He was in Paradise. You cannot bury a soul! A soul of a saint cannot rot.

1. *The saved thief beside Jesus on the cross* is a example of the saints **death**.

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And h \_ s \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_, L \_ \_ \_, r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, T \_ d \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ b \_ w \_ \_ \_ m \_ i \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Luke 23:39-43***

Jesus said Himself that the thief that believed on Him would be present with Him in Paradise today. We know that Jesus died and gave up the Ghost first before the thieves. They came to break the thieves legs to speed up their **deaths**. All of their bodies were there after their **deaths**. but, Jesus and the saved mans souls were in Paradise, and the other unrepentant thieves soul was in Hell. A saint leaves his body at **death** and goes to be with the Lord. Period.

***2 Corinthians 5:1-10*** (Ex. Elijah with the widows child. ***1 Kings 17:20-22***)

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**Death** of theWicked

1. **Death** of the Wicked *is the result of sin*

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and d \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_; and so d \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_, for that a \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:" ***Romans 5:12***

"**Death**" is what all of mankind (from Adam's seed) inherited, because when Adam sinned, he became cursed with sin (It became part of him, not just what he did, but what he became, what he was) and his seed also. So "naturally" when Adam and Eve had their children the curse of sin as being now part of them also became part of their children. No human has ever been excluded from this curse ***Romans 3:23***except one, The word of God, incarnated (became flesh) the Lord Jesus Christ. ***John 1:14*** And because all men are sinners, they all sin, and because all men sin, they die. ***Genesis 2:17***

"Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the s \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, i \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_." ***Ezekiel 18:4,20***

"Then when lust hath conceived, i \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_: and sin, when it is finished, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_." ***James 1:15***

"Whosoever c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ transgresseth also the law: for s \_ \_ i \_ the transgression of the law. " ***1 John 3:4***

1. **Death** of the Wicked *is often punishment*

"Is not d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_? and a strange p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to the w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_?" ***Job 31:3***

"Though hand join in hand, t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall n \_ \_ b \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered." ***Proverbs 11:21***

Nobody gets away with anything and nothing gets by God, when it comes to dealing with the wicked. He does keep accurate records and is going to divvy out just punishment for every person who is His enemy, and mocks at His mercy and grace. Believe it!

"And my wrath shall wax hot, and I w \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless." ***Exodus 22:24***

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"And I w \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." ***Isaiah 13:11***

"But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and b \_ s \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ o \_ \_." ***Numbers 32:23***

A lot of people today think of God (if they think of Him at all) as a big jolly smiley faced god that passes out as many warm fuzzies as possible and cannot wait to give anyone a big kiss. If this is your impression of the God of the Bible, you really should make another evaluation and consider the verses above, because according to the *New Testament*, the worst is yet to come.

1. **Death** of the Wicked *is unpleasant to the Lord*

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I h \_ \_ \_ n \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for w \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ y \_ d \_ \_, O house of Israel?"

***Ezekiel 33:11***

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, n \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but that a \_ \_ should come to repentance." ***2 Peter 3:9***

This is one of the many wonderful things about the Lord. He doesn't want anybody to perish. He wants to save everyone. However, He has laid it out how it is going to be and knows mans rebellious nature and that some would rather burn in Hell than come to Him.

"Who w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_ t \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." ***1 Timothy 2:4***

There is such thing to the old saying, "You had better get it while the gettin is good!" If there were ever some good advice for someone headed for **death** this is it. God is no one to toy with. "He doesn't want to, but He will!" ***Matthew 23:37***

1. **Death** of the Wicked *is without hope*

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ n \_ h \_ \_ \_."

***1 Thessalonians 4:13***

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"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_

a \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ and e \_ \_ \_."

"And **death** and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_. And w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ o \_ l \_ \_ \_ was cast into the lake of fire." ***Revelation 20:10,14,15; Revelation 20:6***

"Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There i \_ n \_ h \_ \_ \_: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go." ***Jeremiah 2:25; Ephesians 2:12***

This is probably one of the most disturbing things to a human that there is. We wonder why people kill themselves and there is never a real explanation for it. Why, now in 2021 there are five year olds in the United States that have hanged themselves. Yeap, a five year old stops and looks around him and says "There's no hope." That is what happens when you tell the Lord He is not welcome anymore. Even a five year old ("FIVE") knows that there is no chance of hope for the living, then, some die and go to Hell and find out there is no hope for the dead. Some say, in the entrance of Hell there is a sign above that say's "All Who Enter Here, Abandon All Hope!"

***2 Thessalonians 1:9***

**Death**, Natural

1. ***Some Truths regarding Death, naturally***
2. **Death** naturally, *is a consequence of sin*

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and d \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_; and so d \_ \_ \_ \_ passed upon all men, for that a \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:" ***Romans 5:12***

"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and s \_ \_, when i \_ i \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_." ***James 1:15***

1. **Death** naturally, *is the lot of all*

"And as i \_ i \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto men once t \_ d \_ \_, but after this the judgment:" ***Hebrews 9:27***

"For as in Adam a \_ \_ d \_ \_, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

***1 Corinthians 15:22***

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1. **Death** naturally, *ends earthly life*

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, i \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_, whither t \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Ecclesiastes 9:10, 12:7; Psalms 104:29; Genesis 3:19***

At **death**, naturally, the part of a man that dies is his body. The flesh. The earthly part of a man. His soul (Being) goes to one of two places literally. ***Luke 16***

1. **Death** naturally, *Christ delivers from fear of it*

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, h \_ a \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ likewise t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ of the same; that t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ he might d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ that had the power of **death**, that is, the devil; And

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ who through f \_ \_ \_ o \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ were all their lifetime subject to bondage." ***Hebrews 2:14,15***

"For ye h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the spirit of bondage again t \_ f \_ \_ \_; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

***Romans 8:15; 2 Timothy 1:7***

Everybody wants to "be" after the **death** of the body, but most "without God" in the equation. It doesn't work like that! Sorry! The Lord is Life and the sustainer of it. The funny thing about it is that God has done everything possible to supply a way to stay alive "forever" after **death** and people hate God so much that they are willing to risk it all, that they can do it themselves. Sad. Not me! Praise the Lord, the saved child of God does not, and should not, FEAR **death**. Throughout the entire Bible there is not one thing that refers to the Christian having to fear **death**. "Going home, going home, never more to roam..." Glory to God! Believe that Book!

1. **Death** naturally, *some escaped from and some will escape*

"And Enoch walked with God: and h \_ w \_ \_ n \_ \_; for God t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_."

***Genesis 5:24***

The Scripture does not say that all men HAVE to die, it say's all men are APPOINTED to die. In other words, if God does not intervene then all men have an appointment with **death**. But, if the Lord wills, a man can pass **death** without going through it. (ex. Enoch) With the Lord, "all things are possible." ***Matthew 19:26***

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ***1 Corinthians 15:51,52***

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1. **Death** naturally, *all are to be raised from it*

"And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ a resurrection of t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ and u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Acts 24:15***

There are a lot of different scenario's of it, but "Everybody meets and faces God!" ***Amos 4:12***

1. **Death** naturally, *illustrates regeneration*

"God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his **death**? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into **death**: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, e \_ \_ \_ s \_ w \_ a \_ \_ \_ should walk in n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ l \_ \_ \_. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his **death**, we shall be also in the l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that i \_ d \_ \_ \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; **death** hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. L \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

y \_ a \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to be dead indeed unto sin, b \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." ***Romans 6:2-12***

1. ***Death naturally, as described***
2. **Death** naturally is *described as a return to dust*

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; for out of it wast thou taken: for d \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_, and u \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ shalt

t \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Genesis 3:19***

1. **Death** naturally is *described as the removal of breath*

"And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, wherein i \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ l \_ \_ \_, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall d \_ \_". ***Genesis 6:17***

"Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, they d \_ \_, and return to their dust." ***Psalms 104:29***

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1. **Death** naturally is *described as the removal from a tabernacle*

"For we know that if our e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ were

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." ***2 Corinthians 5:1***

1. **Death** naturally is *described as becoming naked*

" If so be that being clothed we shall n \_ \_ b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be

u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_, that mortality might be swallowed up of life." ***2 Corinthians 5:3,4***

1. **Death** naturally is *described as sleeping*

"These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but I go, that I may awake him o \_ \_ o \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus s \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus i \_ d \_ \_ \_." ***John 11:11-14***

1. **Death** naturally is *described as a departure*

"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire t \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ b \_ w \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; which is far better: Nevertheless to a \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ is more needful for you." ***Philippians 1:23,24***

1. **Death** naturally is *described as yielding up the ghost*

"Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_: and the young men came in, and f \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_, and, carrying her forth,

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ by her husband." ***Acts 5:10***

1. ***Recognized things after death naturally***
2. Departed saints *are recognized by the living after* ***death*** *naturally*

"And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us

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make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and o \_ \_ f \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_, and o \_ \_ f \_ \_ E \_ \_ \_ \_. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only." ***Matthew 17:1-8***

1. Greater knowledge in the future world *is recognized after* ***death*** *naturally*

"For n \_ \_ w \_ s \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a g \_ \_ \_ \_, darkly; b \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ f \_ \_ \_: n \_ \_ I know in part; but t \_ \_ \_ shall I know even as also I am known."

***1 Corinthians 13:12***

1. The truth *is illustrated after* ***death*** *naturally*

"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And i \_ c \_ \_ \_ t \_ p \_ \_ \_, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: b \_ \_ n \_ \_ he is comforted, and thou art tormented. " ***Luke 16:19-24***

Death, Eternal

1. ***Death eternally as described***
2. **Death** eternally is *described as Everlasting Punishment*

"And these shall go away i \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: but the righteous into life eternal." ***Matthew 25:46***

You might say, "That's a long time to be punished!" It is not time, it is ETERNITY! Time has a beginning and a end. Eternity does not. One other thing to notice is, it is PUNISHMENT. Everlasting punishment, dispensed by the Lord. The Bible does not hide in a corner declaring these things, but is open and matter of fact concerning them. Everlasting punishment is not a joking matter no matter who you are.

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"Who s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

***1 Thessalonians 1:9***

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment t \_ b \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:" ***2 Peter 2:9***

People just do not take the Lord seriously when He say's your next step might seal your fate. You'll be walking along and a door open and through you go into eternity and your choices and will for your eternal state is decided. That's it! That's what the Bible say's. You know one thing the Scriptures do not mention or talk about? Anyone that has gone to Hell has not ever gotten out, and the subject is never brought up about them getting out. It's not even discussed, ever!

1. **Death** eternally is *described as the Resurrection of Damnation*

"And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***John 5:29***

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and t \_ \_ \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_." ***2 Peter 2:3***

1. **Death** eternally is *described as God's Wrath*

"And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ c \_ \_ \_." ***1 Thessalonians 1:10***

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ s \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_; but t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_

h \_ \_." ***John 3:36: Romans 2:5,8; 5:9; 9:22***

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ the children of disobedience." ***Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6; Revelation 6:17; 14:10***

1. **Death** eternally is *described as Destruction*

"Who s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

***2 Thessalonians 1:9***

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"But these, as natural brute beasts, made to b \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in their own corruption;" ***2 Peter 2:12***

1. **Death** eternally is *described as The Second* ***Death***

"And **death** and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This i \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_. And whosoever w \_ \_ n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ written in the book of life w \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ the lake of fire." ***Revelation 20:14,15***

1. ***Truths regarding Death Eternally***
2. A Truth of **Death** Eternally *is the consequence of mans sin*

"And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; for o \_ \_ o \_ i \_ wast thou taken: for d \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_, and u \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Genesis 3:17-19***

1. A Truth of **Death** Eternally *is the punishment of the wicked*

"And these s \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ a \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: but the righteous into life eternal." ***Matthew 25:46***

"Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, t \_

w \_ \_ \_ i \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. ***Jude 1:13-15***

1. A Truth of **Death** Eternally *is being separated from God*

"Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_, and f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_;" ***2 Thessalonians 1:9***

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1. A Truth of **Death** Eternally *is Christ saves from it*

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_." ***John 3:16-17***

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. B \_ \_ n \_ \_ i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since b \_ m \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_, b \_ m \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_." ***1 Corinthians 15:19-21***

1. A Truth of **Death** Eternally *is the Saints shall escape from it*

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,

**D \_ \_ \_ \_** i \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ i \_ v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. O **death**, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of **death** is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ t \_ G \_ \_, which g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ t \_ \_ v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." ***1 Corinthians 15:54-58***

"B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and h \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ in the f \_ \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: on such the second **death** h \_ \_ \_ n \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." ***Revelation 20:6***

1. A Truth of **Death** Eternally *is how the Lord Jesus Christ vividly described it*

Vivid- Evoking, calling forth, or making appear lifelike images within the mind.

"T \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And t \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And i \_ c \_ \_ \_ t \_ p \_ \_ \_, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man a \_ \_ \_ died, and w \_ \_ buried; And i \_ h \_ \_ \_ he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: b \_ \_ n \_ \_ he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there

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is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

***Luke 16:19-31***

This concludes our study of what the Holy Scriptures say about **Death**. Thank you for honoring the Lord and studying His word. What have we learned?

1. We have learned that there is nothing to fear about **death** to the ones that are the Lords, Old Testament or New Testament. The Lord has made it clear that for them that love Him, **death** only brings better things, and He is right there for us when and if we have to approach it.

2. There is no intermediate **death** or transitional **death** in between the **death** of the saved and the **death** of the wicked. One or the other is how every person goes if they have to pass through it.

3. **Death** for a unsaved person and the wicked, is going to be frightening and terrifying. There will be no discussions of the fates of those. They not only will be considered the eternal enemies of God but will be punished without relief by the Lords doing. There will be nothing good or comfortable about the wicked's **death** or afterwards. The reality of it when it comes will be scary beyond words. Do **not** die this way.

Don't be fooled. The Lord said plainly that it is the unseen things that are eternal. He also said that we can see the invisible things by the things that are made. Death is coming. Do you know anyone that has died? Probably! Have they come back? No! Have they written you to tell you about it? No! The word of God is the only Book that graciously tells us without apology and as a matter of fact what **Death** is, and what to expect. Rejoice, or Be Afraid.

"There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of **death**: *and there is no discharge in that war*; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it." ***Ecclesiastes 8:8***

"The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath."

***Proverbs 15:24***

Book 53.tif"When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth." ***Proverbs 11:7***

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