

DEATH

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Genesis 2:16-17

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

1. Why was there obedience expected from the very beginning and a consequence expected?

Genesis 3:19

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

What is our life to be as a result of sin?

Genesis 25:8

Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.

What happened at the death of Abraham?

Genesis 35:29

And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Who was Isaac gathered?

Job 7:21

Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now I shall lie in the earth; you will seek me, but I shall not be."

What was Job's anguish?

Job 14:2

He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not.

Define what Job is expressing?

Job 14:14

If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my renewal should come.

What does one look forward to?

Job 16:22

For when a few years have come I shall go the way from which I shall not return.

What is the finality of death?

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Can you explain the abiding presence of God?

Psalm 39:4-5

“O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

When reaching the end what is it like?

Psalm 39:13

Look away from me, that I may smile again, before I depart and am no more!”

Why the comment?

Psalm 49:7

Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

How are we each on our own?

Psalm 49:6-9

⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? ⁷ Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, ⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, ⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

Why would death be described as a pit and there is nothing that can stop happening?

Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

What will fail?

Psalm 104:29

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

How do we die?

Psalm 115:17

The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence.

What can the dead not do?

Psalm 146:4

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

How does this show the shortsightedness of man?

Proverbs 14:32

The wicked is overthrown through his evildoing, but the righteous finds refuge in his death.

Why can the righteous look forward to death?

Ecclesiastes 2:14-18

The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also.

Why then have I been so very wise?” And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool! So I hated life, because what is

done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind. I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me,

How is the death of the wise just as the fool?

Ecclesiastes 3:2

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

What is the similarity with time?

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20

For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. All go to one place. All are

from the dust, and to dust all return.

What is the difference between man and beast?

Ecclesiastes 5:15

As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

How shall every man go into death?

Ecclesiastes 6:6

Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good—do not all go to the one place?

Would it mean more to us to live a life pleasing God?

Ecclesiastes 7:1-2

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.

How should death impact the living?

Ecclesiastes 7:15

In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing.

What are the merits of a righteous life?

Ecclesiastes 8:8

No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it.

Why does man lack power over death?

Ecclesiastes 9:4-5

But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten.

What is the advantage of living?

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Why are we to do everything to the best of our ability?

Ecclesiastes 11:8

So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

What are ways we can treat the days of our lives?

Ecclesiastes 12:5

They are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets—

What is the joy that man has to look forward to when their life is pleasing to God?

Ecclesiastes 12:7

And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

At what point does our Spirit return to God?

Isaiah 14:11

Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, the sound of your harps; maggots are laid as a bed beneath you, and worms are your covers.

Why should we not care what happens to our physical body?

Isaiah 17:14

¹⁰ For you have forgotten the God of your salvation and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge; therefore, though you plant pleasant plants and sow the vine-branch of a stranger, ¹¹ though you make them grow on the day that you plant them, and make them blossom in the morning that you sow, yet the harvest will flee away in a day of grief and incurable pain. ¹² Ah, the thunder of many peoples; they thunder like the thundering of the sea! Ah,

the roar of nations; they roar like the roaring of mighty waters! ¹³ The nations roar like the roaring of many waters, but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away, chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind and whirling dust before the storm. ¹⁴ At evening time, behold, terror! Before morning, they are no more! This is the portion of those who loot us, and the lot of those who plunder us.

What is the power of God why it important to know?

Isaiah 26:14

They are dead, they will not live; they are shades, they will not arise; to that end you have visited them with destruction and wiped out all remembrance of them.

What are the consequences of war?

Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

How does Christ figure into this?

Isaiah 38:1

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order, for you shall die, you shall not recover."

Should we not all heed this, especially in the winter of our life?

Isaiah 38:18-19

For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down to the pit do not hope for your faithfulness. The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children your faithfulness.

With the finality of death, what should we teach and how should we teach our children?

Isaiah 40:7

The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

How could people be compared to grass?

Isaiah 51:12

"I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, **How does God comfort us?**

Isaiah 57:1-2

The righteous man perishes, and no one lays it to heart; devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous man is taken away from calamity; He enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness.

What are the condition for the devout and righteous man?

Jeremiah 8:1-5

“At that time, declares the LORD, the bones of the kings of Judah, the bones of its officials, the bones of the priests, the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be brought out of their tombs.² And they shall be spread before the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven, which they have loved and served, which they have gone after, and which they have sought and worshiped. And they shall not be gathered or buried. They shall be as dung on the surface of the ground.³ Death shall be preferred to life by all the remnant that remains of this evil family in all the places where I have driven them, declares the LORD of hosts.⁴ “You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD: When

men fall, do they not rise again? If one turns away, does he not return?⁵ Why then has this people turned away in perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit; they refuse to return.

What would lead God to do this to the leaders of Judah?

Jeremiah 9:21

For death has come up into our windows; it has entered our palaces, cutting off the children from the streets and the young men from the squares. **How was the impact of death described?**

Jeremiah 16:4

They shall die of deadly diseases. They shall not be lamented, nor shall they be buried. They shall be as dung on the surface of the ground. They

shall perish by the sword and by famine, and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth.

Why are these sad conditions?

Jeremiah 51:39

While they are inflamed I will prepare them a feast and make them drunk, that they may become merry, then sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake, declares the Lord.

What should man have done that God would not have done this?

Lamentations 1:19

“I called to my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and elders perished in the city, while they sought food to revive their strength. **What is the futility expressed here?**

Ezekiel 18:4

Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

Why can no man not die?

Ezekiel 18:13

Lends at interest, and takes profit; shall he then live? He shall not live. He has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon himself.

Why was lending to gain a profit evil?

Ezekiel 18:21

“But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

How does this relate to living in Christ?

Ezekiel 18:24

But when a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice and does the same abominations that the wicked person does, shall he live?

None of the righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which he is guilty and the sin he has committed, for them he shall die.

Is it that you will die and if you turned from God your name is removed from the book of life?

Ezekiel 18:23

Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

What is the hope of God?

Ezekiel 28:8

⁷ therefore, behold, I will bring foreigners upon you, the most ruthless of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom and defile your splendor. ⁸ They shall thrust you down into the pit, and you shall die the death of the slain in the heart of the seas. ⁹ Will you still say, ‘I am a god,’ in the presence of those who kill you, though you are but a man, and no god, in the hands of those who slay you?

¹⁰ You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners; for I have spoken, declares the Lord GOD.”

What was the evil of the people that lead to their demise at the hands of others?

Ezekiel 18:32

For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

What does God want?**Ezekiel 33:9**

But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

What is both the tragedy and the good news expressed here?**Ezekiel 33:11**

Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

What was God's desire and warning?**Ezekiel 33:14-16**

Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

How can the evil make it right with God?**Ezekiel 33:8**

If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his

blood I will require at your hand.

What is our responsibility?**Daniel 12:2**

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

What is the good news and what is the bad news?**Daniel 12:13**

But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

How good can it get if we follow Jesus?

Hosea 13:14

Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from Death? O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

How were they rescued from death?

Amos 9:10

All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, 'Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.'

Describe their attitude and the result.

Jonah 4:8

When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might

die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

What was Jonah doing that lead to this condition?

Zechariah 1:5

Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?

Is he saying, stop and think?

Matthew 7:13

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

What is to happen at the wide gate?

Matthew 10:28

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who

can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Why are we to be concern about the souls that are lost?

Matthew 25:41

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

To whom will he say "depart"?

Matthew 25:46

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

What happens to the righteous?

Matthew 25:30

And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Describe a worthless servant?

Mark 15:23-38

²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.

²⁵ And it was the third hour^[a] when they crucified him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.^[b] ²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot

save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. ³³ And when the sixth hour^[c] had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.^[d] ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his

last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. **Can you describe the circumstances surrounding the death of Christ?**

Luke 1:75-79

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us^[a] from on high ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

What hope did John the Baptizer give?

Luke 12:18-20

¹⁸ And he [rich man] said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’ ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

What does it mean to accumulate wealth for ourselves?

Luke 20:34-38

And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage,

for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.”

Can you explain how God is God of the living?

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

What is the glory that Christians will have?

John 5:24-26

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

How are we dead but yet living?

John 6:50-51

This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Is death not eternal for those following Christ?

John 6:53

So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **How is it that without Christ are people really without life?**

John 9:4

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

What is the night expressed here?

John 11:11-14

After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, **Why were the disciples mistaken?**

John 11:26

And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” **Can you explain why we can never die?**

John 14:1-4

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” **Can you explain the beauty and excitement about these verses?**

Acts 5:3-10

³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?”

⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.” ⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. ⁶ The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

⁷ After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ And Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you ^[a] sold the land for so much.” And

she said, “Yes, for so much.” ⁹ But Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.”

¹⁰ Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

Can you explain the actions that lead to their death?

Acts 7:59-60

And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he

had said this, he fell asleep.

How did Stephen accept death?

Acts 13:36

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption,

What was the corruption that David might have seen and why did God accept David?

Romans 14:8

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

In what way do we belong to the Lord?

Romans 1:32

Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Why is unacceptable to God to stand by and appear to approve the sin within society?

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

What brought on death?

Romans 5:14

Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

How was Adam a type for Jesus?

Romans 5:15-16

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

What leads to real death?

Romans 6:21

But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

What kind of fruit lead to shame?

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Why is there no second death for the saved?

Romans 7:1-10

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the

flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ...

What bears fruit for death?

Romans 7:11

⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹ For

sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but

sin that dwells within me.

Can you explain the condition of life of someone?

Romans 8:6

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Can you explain the difference between the flesh and spirituality?

Romans 8:10-13

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to

the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Will you explain the how the body can be dead?

Romans 14:7

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

To whom do we die?

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

What is ours?

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

As a man, how are we made alive?

1 Corinthians 15:26

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

How was death destroyed?

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put

on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

Can you describe how there is a victory over death?

2 Corinthians 1:9-10

Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

Why do we rely on God?

2 Corinthians 5:1

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

What is the earthly home?

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Why are we of courage?

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

Who are all that died?

1 Corinthians 15:4-7

⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

To how many did he appear?

Ephesians 2:1

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

How are we dead?**Ephesians 2:5-6**

And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

How are we alive with Christ?**Philippians 1:20**

As it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

How is Christ honored?**Philippians 1:21**

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

What do we gain when we die?**Philippians 1:24**

²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,

How important is living for Christ in the flesh?**Colossians 2:13**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together

with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

What makes us dead in the flesh?**Colossians 2:20-22**

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?

Are we to still obey rules and regulations?

Colossians 3:3

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

How is live hidden in Christ?

1 Thessalonians 4:14-15

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

What does God do with those who are deceased?

1 Thessalonians 4:15

For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

Who goes to heaven first?

1 Thessalonians 5:3

While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

How sudden can death occur?

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

Why is Christ critical in this process?

2 Thessalonians 1:9

They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, **Who will suffer the punishment of death?**

1 Timothy 5:6

But she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

What is the risk of being self indulgent?

1 Timothy 6:7

For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

What would happen if we thought we could take something with us when we die?

2 Timothy 1:10

And which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

What was the death abolished by Christ?

2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

What will happen on "that DAY?"

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, And deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery

How would you describe lifelong slavery?

Hebrews 9:27

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Can you explain what come after death?

Hebrews 11:5

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken

him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

Why was Enoch taken by God?

Hebrews 11:11-13

¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. **To what did faith lead these people?**

Hebrews 11:21

By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

How special was the last thing that Jacob do?

Hebrews 13:14

For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

What is the city to come that we seek?

James 1:11

For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

What happens to things of this earth?

James 1:15

Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

How does sin fit in the lives of people?

James 4:15

Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

How important is our obligation to our commitments?

1 Peter 1:24

For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,
Why do they fail or die?

2 Peter 1:14

¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,
¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.
What did Christ make clear about our bodies especially seniors?

2 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,
¹⁰ and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious

ones,¹¹ whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.¹² But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction,
What will happen to the godly and the unrighteous?

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

What does Christ's death mean to us?

1 John 5:12

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

What is the consequence of not having the Son?

Revelation 1:17-18

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

What is exciting about Christ having the keys?

Revelation 2:11

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He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

Why will they not be hurt by the second death?

Revelation 6:8

And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

How imposing is this situation?

Revelation 9:6

And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

Who would long to die?

Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

What is the blessing in the that we will receive?

Revelation 19:20

And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived

those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

How tragic is this situation?

Revelation 20:12-14

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades

were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Can you describe the second death?

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Can you describe the situation here?

Revelation 21:8

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Can you describe?