

Death, Eternal Life

1. You can face death without fear. Ps. 23:4. Yea, 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.

2. The believer will dwell in God's house forever. Ps. 23:6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

3. To live is Christ; to die is gain. Phil. 1:21. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

4. Paul wanted both to remain here, and to go home to be with the Lord, which is far better. Phil. 1:22–26. Phil. 1:23. For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

5. The death of the Lord's saints is precious. Ps. 116:15. Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His saints.

6. Those who die in the Lord are blessed. Rev. 14:13. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

7. You can have comfort concerning those who have died and are asleep in Jesus. 1 Thess. 4:13–18.

8. Believers who have died are absent from the body, but at home with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5:1–8. (*our heavenly dwellings*) **2 Cor. 5:6–8.** So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

9. In life and death we are the Lord's. Rom. 14:8. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

10. Believers go to the Father's house to be with him. John 14:1–4. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."

11. Jesus comforted Mary and Martha after Lazarus died. He is the resurrection and the life. John 11:17–26. John 11:23–26. Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am

the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. “And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

12. The perishable will put on the imperishable; death will be swallowed up in victory. 1 Cor. 15:50–57. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

13. Believers are co-heirs with Christ. Rom. 8:16–17. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

14. Nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love of God.