

Scriptural Death & Dying

My goal is to answer 3 Questions:

#1) How many kinds of death are there?

#2) What is the Scriptural Perspective on death / dying?

#3) Can we die in a way that we can escape the suffering?

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV)

“Since, therefore, [these His] children share in flesh and blood [in the physical nature of human beings], He [Himself] in a similar manner partook of the same [nature], that by [going through] death He might bring to nought and make of no effect him who had the power of death — that is, the devil — And also that He might deliver and completely set free all those who through the [haunting] fear of death were held in bondage throughout the whole course of their lives.”

Hebrews 2:14-15 (AMP)

Where did death come from?

A. Man was designed and created to live forever.

1. Tree of Life.

“Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

Genesis 2:8-9 (NIV)

And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

Genesis 3:22 (NIV)

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned”

Romans 5:12 (NIV)

“Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned.”

Romans 5:12 (AMP)

**“The soul who sins is the one who will
die.....”**

Ezekiel 18:20 (NIV)

The 2 Kinds of Death:

1. Physical Death.

2. Spiritual or Eternal Death.

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

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

Spiritual Death:

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 2:16-17 (AMP)

Fact: Adam didn't die the day they ate from the tree of life.

a. God didn't know what he was talking about.

b. God lied.

c. Or, he wasn't referring to physical death.

> UNLESS: his being removed from the Garden, and separated from God - is a form of death.

“Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”

Genesis 3:21-24 (NKJV)

“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God”

Ephesians 2:1-8 (NKJV)

**“But your iniquities have separated you from
your God;
And your sins have hidden His face from you,
So that He will not hear.”**

Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

Spiritual Death is existing separate from God;

- It does not mean to “cease to exist.”**
- We can exist while being separated from God.**
- We can be dead spiritually, but alive physically**

“And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

Romans 6:13 (NKJV)

“But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.”

Romans 7:8-11 (NKJV)

“For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?”

Romans 11:15 (NKJV)

“For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; [15] and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17 (NKJV)

Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep, Arise from
the dead, And Christ will give you
light.”

Ephesians 5:14 (NKJV)

**“And you, being dead in your
trespasses and the uncircumcision of
your flesh, He has made alive together
with Him, having forgiven you all
trespasses,”**

Colossians 2:13 (NKJV)

**“But she who lives in pleasure is
dead while she lives.”**

1 Timothy 5:6 (NKJV)

**“These are spots in your love feasts,
while they feast with you without fear,
serving only themselves. They are
clouds without water, carried about by
the winds; late autumn trees without fruit,
twice dead, pulled up by the roots”**

Jude 12 (NKJV)

**“and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
[18] “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”**

Revelation 1:5, 18 (NKJV)

**“And from Jesus Christ the faithful
and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn
of the dead [first to be brought back
to life].....”**

Revelation 1:5 (AMP)

“Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

Genesis 3:17-19 (NKJV)

Physical Death:

- a. Is when your body dies because it can no longer support physical life.
- b. Physical death is when we leave our physical body.

“Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.””

Luke 23:46 (NIV)

“I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.”

Philippians 1:20-24 (NIV)

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 (NKJV)

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, [18] while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV)

“For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. [2] For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, [3] if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. [4] For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. [5] Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”

[6] So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. [7] For we walk by faith, not by sight. [8] We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. [9] Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

There are 2 Spiritual Deaths:

#1) Ephesians 2:1-8 - the first spiritual death

> *dead in trespasses & sins*

#2) Revelation 20:11-15 - the second spiritual death.

“And you He made alive, who were dead
in trespasses and sins,

[5]even when we were dead in trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ (by
grace you have been saved).....”

Ephesians 2:1, 5 (NKJV)

**“And you, being dead in your trespasses
and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He
has made alive together with Him,
having forgiven you all trespasses...”**

Colossians 2:13 (NKJV)

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. [12] And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. [13] The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. [14] Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15] And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 20:11-15 (NKJV)

Where does Physical Death fit in to the picture?

> *To God it's really not enough of an issue to focus on*

“And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.”

[60] Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:59-62 (KJV)

Side Thought:

[61] And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

[62] And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

In 2017, almost half (42%) of all **Americans** said that they **have a will** or another type of estate planning document. Fast-forward to 2020, and less than one-third (32%) say they **have** one or more documents – that's a decrease of nearly 25% in just three years.

[2020 Estate Planning and Wills Study - Caring.com](#)

Our culture does not teach us how to prepare for neither physical nor spiritual death.

> as a result, most people are afraid of both.