

Scriptural Death & Dying

Q & A

1st Message: Established the fact that there are three different kinds of death.

1) Spiritual Death in Trespasses and sins

2) Physical body death

3) The 2nd spiritual death.

(Both spiritual deaths are separation from God.)

2nd Message:

**In his death and resurrection, Jesus defeated
Sin, Satan, and Death.**

**Death has been abolished / annulled /
rendered idle or useless & made of no effect.**

3rd Message:

If Death has been defeated, then why do people still die? (Physically & Spiritually)

- It's the process of death which ultimately ends with everyone getting a new body.

> We can't go to heaven with this body

John 5:28-29 (NIV)

[28] “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice [29] and come out— those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.”

Acts 24:15 (NIV)

[15] and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

Revelation 20:12-14 (NIV)

[12] And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. [13] The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. [14] Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

3rd Message:

- **We also covered the scripture on:**
 - > **Jesus dying spiritually**
 - > **Jesus being our substitute**
- **We briefly looked at Soul Sleep**
- **We also touched the fact that we don't need to 'suffer' death**
- > **We're appointed to leave this body, but Jesus suffered so we don't have to.
(Including death)**

#1 - Is it OK to grieve someone's passing?

1. Absolutely.

a. By grieve: I'm referencing the 6 steps...

**- Shock, Denial, Bargaining, Anger,
Depression, Acceptance, Resolution.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (AMP)

[13] Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].

1 Thessalonians 4:18 (AMP)

[18] Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.

(G3076) - “Sorrow / Grieve”

from 3077; to distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad:--cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow(-ful), be (make) sorry.

#2 - Where does it say that it's a good thing to die? Glad that I am going.

1. Remember: that is true within the parameters:

> we're saved and our purpose has been fulfilled .

Philippians 1:20-21, 23 (NIV)

[20] 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. [21] For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

[23] ...I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

[4] “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21-22 (New Jerusalem)

John 13:1 (NIV)

[1] It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

John 13:33 (NIV)

[33] “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

John 13:36-37 (NIV)

[36] Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?”

Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

[37] Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

John 14:1-5 (NIV)

[1] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. [2] In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. [4] You know the way to the place where I am going.”

[5] Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

John 14:16 (NIV)

[16] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—

John 14:18-19 (NIV)

[18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

John 14:25 (NIV)

[25] “All this I have spoken while still with you.

John 14:27-29 (NIV)

[27] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

[28] “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. [29] I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

John 15:13 (NIV)

[13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

John 16:1 (NIV)

[1] “All this I have told you so that you will not go astray.

John 16:4 (NIV)

[4] I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

John 16:6-7 (NIV)

[6] Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. [7] But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:16-20 (NIV)

[16] “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

[17] Some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” [18] They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

**[19] Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them,
“Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while
you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?**

**[20] I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world
rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.**

John 16:22 (NIV)

**[22] So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and
you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.**

John 16:24 (NIV)

**[24] Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you
will receive, and your joy will be complete.**

John 16:28 (NIV)

**[28] I came from the Father and entered the world;
now I am leaving the world and going back to the
Father.”**

John 16:33 (NIV)

**[33] “I have told you these things, so that in me you
may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world.”**

John 16:4-7 (AMP)

[4] But I have told you these things now, so that when they occur you will remember that I told you of them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

[5] But now I am going to Him Who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, Where are You going?

[6] But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [taken complete possession of them].

[7] However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

**#3 - Could you give a couple more
scriptures on Soul Sleep?**

Luke 23:42-43 (NIV)

[42] Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

[43] Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

1 Thessalonians 4:14 (NIV)

**[14] We believe that Jesus died and rose
again and so we believe that God will
bring with Jesus those who have fallen
asleep in him.**

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (NIV)

[15] According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

#4 - Hebrews 11:35 says:.... "and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection."

Is this referring to us also having a choice in how we die-- that they chose to not to accept deliverance?

Hebrews 11:35-38 (NJKJV)

[35] Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. [36] Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. [37] They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— [38] of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

#5 - When Stephen was stoned, the Bible talks about him seeing the glory of God.

Is it possible he wasn't feeling the pain of being stoned?

Acts 7:54-60 (NKJV)

[54] When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. [55] But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, [56] and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” [57]

Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord;

Acts 7:54-60 (NKJV) cont'd

[58] and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. [59] And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." [60] Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**#6 - How can we feel good about it, when
we don't know where we are going or what
it will be like?**

John 14:1-4 (NKJV)

[1] “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. [2] “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. [3] “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. [4] “And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

John 16:12-14 (NKJV)

[12] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [13] “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. [14] “He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (NIV)

[6] We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. [7] No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. [8] None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

[9] However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”—[10] but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. [11] For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [12] We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us

[13] This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

[14] The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

[15] The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

[16] "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NKJV)

[6] For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

[7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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John 3:9-13 (NIV)

[9] “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

[10] “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? [11] I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony . [12] I have spoken to you of

earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? [13]

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.