## Scriptural Death / Dying (Series)

## The Kind of Physical Death To Believe For

#### My goal was 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?

Scriptures on what to believe for Physical Death / Dying.

#### Luke 2:25-29 (NKJV)

[25] And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. [26] And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. [27] So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, [28] he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: [29] "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;

### Luke 2:29 (KJV) [29] Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace...

Luke 2:29 (NIV)
[29] "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.

#### Luke 2:29 (AMP)

[29] And now, Lord, You are releasing Your servant to depart (leave this world) in peace.....

Luke 2:29 (YLT)

[29] 'Now Thou dost send away Thy servant, Lord, according to Thy word, in peace,

#### "Peace"

- > Referring to Shalom
- > Defined:

Rest, Favor, Health, Welfare, Prosperity, Safety.

Nothing Lacking, Nothing Broken, Nothing Wanting

#### John 10:15-18 (NKJV)

[15] "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. [16] "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. [17] "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. [18] "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

#### John 10:18 (AMP)

[18] No one takes it away from Me. On the contrary, I lay it down voluntarily. [I put it from Myself.] I am authorized and have power to lay it down (to resign it) and I am authorized and have power to take it back again. These are the instructions (orders) which I have received [as My charge] from My Father.

#### John 17:4 (NKJV)

[4] "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

John 19:30 (NKJV)

[30] So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

#### Matthew 27:50 (NIV)

[50] And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, <u>he gave</u> <u>up his spirit.</u> (Luke 23:46)

Luke 23:46 (NKJV)

[46] And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

John 19:30 (NKJV)

[30] So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

#### Stephen followed that same example:

Acts 7:59-60 (NIV)

[59] While they were stoning him, <u>Stephen prayed</u>, "<u>Lord Jesus</u>, receive my spirit." [60] Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

#### Paul absolutely believed the same thing.

Philippians 1:20-27 (NKJV)

[20] according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. [21] For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22] But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. [23] For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. [24] Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. [25] And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, [26] that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. [27] Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

#### 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.

# 2 Corinthians 5:1 (NKJV) [1] 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.

#### Peter had the same perspective.

2 Peter 1:14-15 (NKJV)
[14] knowing that shortly <u>I must put off my tent</u>, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. [15] Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

### How do we leave this life without physical Suffering?

- #1) Our Divine Health has been bought and paid for.
  - > Believe for Physical Health until we leave this body

Matthew 8:17 (NIV)
[17] This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

# Matthew 8:17 (AMP) [17] And thus He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, He Himself took [in order to carry away] our weaknesses and infirmities and bore away our diseases. [Isa 53:4.]

#### "Infirmities":

"Strengthless, Feebleness of Body / Mind, Weakness, Frailty".

(G769) - Infirmities (KJV)

> "from 772; feebleness (of mind or body); by implication, malady; morally, frailty:-- disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness."

(Thayer's) - ασθένεια, -ας, η', (ασθενής), [fr. Hdt. down], want of strength, weakness, infirmity

#### Diseases": Sicknesses (KJV)

(G3554) - "Sicknesses" > "of uncertain affinity; a <u>malady</u> (rarely figuratively, of moral disability):--<u>disease</u>, <u>infirmity, sickness</u>."

Malady- "a disease or disorder of the animal body"

Disease- "a condition of the living animal or plant body or of one of its parts that impairs normal functioning and is typically manifested by distinguishing signs and symptoms: SICKNESS, MALADY (WEBSTER)

## Physical diseases and sickness are an aspect of Physical Death - that we have been redeemed from.

#### Hebrews 2:9-10 (NIV)

[9] But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he <u>suffered death</u>, so that by the grace of God <u>he might</u> <u>taste death for everyone.</u>

[10] In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through <u>suffering</u>.

#### Hebrews 2:14-15 (NKJV)

[14] Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

1 Corinthians 15:55 (NIV)
[55] "Where, O death, is your <u>victory</u>?
Where, O death, is your <u>stinq</u>?"

#### Hebrews 9:26-28 (NKJV)

[26] He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. [27] And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, [28] so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

How do we leave this life without Suffering?

#1) Our Divine Health has been bought and paid for.

We need to pursue that as long as we're on this earth.

- #2) Develop and Live in the Attitude of not clinging to this Physical Life.
  - a. When we're done, be prepared (spirit, soul, body) to leave.
    - > Follow the Spirit, and leave when it's time.
    - > Don't keep extending life by artificial means.

- b. If we're Saved, and Purpose is fulfilled:
  - > Have the "I'm Leaving Mentality"
  - > Live with the Anticipation, Expectancy, Desire to Leave.

Philippians **3:20**"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;"

#### 1 Corinthians 1:7

"so that you are not lacking in any gift, <u>awaiting</u> eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Titus 2:13
[13] while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:10

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

#### 2 Peter 3:12

looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

#### 2 Peter 3:13

But according to His promise <u>we are looking</u> for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

#### Luke 12:36

Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks.

#### Romans 8:23-25

And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

#### 2 Timothy 4:8

in the future 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.

#### 2 Peter 3:12

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2 Corinthians 5:2
[2] For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

#### If it's a comfort to you:

- a. Ask Jesus to come and get you. (John 14:3)
- b. Ask that God sends his angels to get you. (Luke 16:22)

#### Jeremiah 31:33-34 (NKJV)

[33] "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [34] "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD, 'for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

#### Hebrews 8:10-12 (NKJV)

[10] "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [11] "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD, 'for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. [12] "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

#### Hebrews 10:15-18 (NIV)

[15] The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: [16] "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

[17] Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."[18] And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

#### Psalms 103:8-19 (NIV)

- [8] The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
- [9] He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- [10] he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- [11] For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- [12] <u>as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed</u> <u>our transgressions from us.</u>
- [13] As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

- [14] for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.
- [15] As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- [16] the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.
- [17] But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—
- [18] with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.
- [19] The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

## 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:8-9,, 12-15 (NIV)

[8] The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and <u>each will be rewarded according to his own labor.</u>
[9] For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

[12] If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, [13] his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. [14] If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. [15] If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames