

Anchor of Hope

Bible Study

If it were true that the souls of all men passed directly to heaven at the hour of dissolution, then we might well covet death rather than life. Many have been led by this belief to put an end to their existence. When overwhelmed with trouble, perplexity, and disappointment, it seems an easy thing to break the brittle thread of life and soar away into the bliss of the eternal world. God has given in His word decisive evidence that He will punish the transgressors of His law. Those who flatter themselves that He is too merciful to execute justice upon the sinner, have only to look to the cross of Calvary. The death of the spotless Son of God testifies that "the wages of sin is death," that every violation of God's law must receive its just retribution. Christ the sinless became sin for man. He bore the guilt of transgression, and the hiding of His Father's face, until His heart was broken and His life crushed out. All this sacrifice was made that sinners might be redeemed. In no other way could man be freed from the penalty of sin. And every soul that refuses to become a partaker of the atonement provided at such a cost must bear in his own person the guilt and punishment of transgression.

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Death

Life

1. Why did God create man and woman, and how? Revelation 4:11 (KJV);
Genesis 2:7
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Death

2. What happens at death? Ecclesiastes 12:7
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3. What is the spirit the same as? Psalm 104:29, 30
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4. Can the soul die? Ezekiel 18:20
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5. What happens with the soul and a person's thoughts at death?
Psalm 146:3, 4
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6. What did Jesus compare death to? John 11:11, 13, 14
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Note: Actually the term *sleep* for death occurs some 66 times in 17 different books of the Bible.

7. How much does a person know after death? Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6
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8. Where is David now? Acts 2:29, 34

9. How does the Lord feel about those who try to communicate with those who are dead? (Deuteronomy 18:10-12)

10. Can a dead person return to his or her house (or anywhere) as a departed spirit or ghost? Job 7:9, 10

11. The word *immortal* means "not subject to death." Who alone has immortality? 1 Timothy 6:16

12. When do Christians receive immortality? 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

MY HEART'S RESPONSE

"Placing my full confidence in Jesus, I trust Him to raise me in the first resurrection, if I die before He returns." 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

My Decision

It is clear that when one dies, he or she is asleep in the grave waiting for the resurrection.