



True Bible Teaching About...”Death”

“Believe or Perish!”

Adam was sentenced to death as a consequence of disobeying God, so we must look on it as a **punishment**.

Rom. 5:12 : *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”*

In his creation, Adam was firstly, a body of dust, then filled with the breath of life, making him a living creature.

Gen. 2:7 : *“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul (creature).”*

Job 33:4 : *“The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.”*

Death is simply the reverse of this process. The breath of life returns to God, and the body returns to dust.

Ecc. 12:7 : *“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit (breath) shall return to God who gave it.”*

Job 34:14,15: *“If God set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath, all flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.”*

DEATH IS A STATE OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS:

Psa. 6:5 : *“For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave, who shall give thee thanks?”*

Psa. 49:12 : *“Nevertheless, man, being in honour, abideth not; he is like the beasts that perish.”*

Psa. 146:4 : *“His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.”*

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Ecc. 9:5, 6, : *"...but the dead know not anything; also their love and their
10 hatred and their envy is now perished. For there is no
 work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave,
 whither thou goest."*

IT IS OFTEN TERMED A "SLEEP"

John 11:11, : *"...our friend, Lazarus sleepeth. Then said Jesus unto them
14 plainly, Lazarus is dead."*

Acts 7:60 : *"...and when Stephen had said this, he fell asleep."*

1Cor. 15:18 : *"Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ, are
 perished" (if the dead rise not)*

1Thess. 4:14 : *"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so
 them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."*

SOME WILL AWAKE; SOME WILL NOT

1Thess. 4:16 : *"...and the dead in Christ shall rise first."*

Dan. 12:2 : *"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall
 awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and
 everlasting contempt."*

Isa. 26:14 : *"They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased; they
 shall not rise..."*

Prov. 21:16 : *"The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding
 shall remain in the congregation of the dead."*

The Hope of an "Eternal Life" is bound up in believing and obeying the Gospel, now; and will be realized at the return of Jesus Christ and the Resurrection.

Mark 16:15, : *"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every
16 creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be
 saved;..."*

Rev. 22:12 : *"And, behold, I come quickly (suddenly); and my reward
 is with me to give every man according as his work shall
 be."*

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Col. 3:4 : *“When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also also appear with him in glory.”*

Phil. 3:20, 21: *“For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body.”*