

REALITIES OF PHYSICAL DEATH
1Cor.15:21,22
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I INTRODUCTION

1. Death is a subject we do not necessarily like to talk about, or to be reminded that today, or tomorrow, or next year, or in the near future we might die.
2. Nor do we like to think about the possibility of either our friends or our loved ones – especially our loved ones – dying. Even though we know all of us shall die some day.
3. In spite of this, we are constantly reminded of death:
 - a. When we read the morning newspaper accounts or listen to the news reports on radio or TV.
 - b. When we have an accident or witness one.
 - c. When we attend a funeral of a friend, an acquaintance, or esp. a family member.
 - d. When we read the Bible.
 - (1) God's word contains so many references to the subject that one can't read the Bible without being warned about the fact of it, the reality of it, and the need to be prepared for it
 - (2) In fact, the Bible contains hundreds and hundreds of passages dealing with death.
4. In view of the Biblical record, this study pertains to the realities of physical death revealed therein.

II. DISCUSSION

A. ITS CERTAINTY IS A REALITY.

1. Gen.3:19; Eccl.12:7.
2. Job 30:23.
3. Eccl.3:2.
4. Rom.5:12,14.
5. 1Cor.15:21,22.
6. Heb.9:27.

B. ITS UNCERTAINTY IS ALSO A REALITY.

1. Gen.27:1,2.
2. Psa.144:4.
3. Jas.4:13-16; 1Pet.1:24.

C. ANOTHER REALITY IS THAT THE DEATH OF SAINTS IS PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD.

1. Psa.116:15. Cf. Lk.16:22-25; Rev.14:13.

D. STILL ANOTHER REALITY IS THAT DEATH SEALS ONE'S DESTINY, FOR AS ONE DIES SO ONE FACES ETERNITY.

1. Lk.16:19-31
2. Jno.5:28,29.
3. Psa.1:4-6.
4. Eccl.12:13,14; Cf. 2Cor.5:10.

E. ITS END IS A REALITY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

1. Ac.24:15.
2. Ac.4:1,2.
3. 1Cor.15:21,22-26,51-55
4. Rom.5:12,15-19.
5. Jno.5:28,29.
6. 1Th.4:13-18.

F. STILL ANOTHER REALITY IS THAT AFTER PHYSICAL DEATH THE SPIRIT OF MAN LIVES ON, PHYSICAL DEATH IS NOT THE DEATH OF THE SPIRIT OF MAN, NOR HIS ANNIHILATION.

1. Eccl.12:7.
2. Lk.16:19-31.
3. 1Th.4:13-17.
4. Jas.2:26.

G. THE REALITY OF DEATH SERVES EVEN A RIGHTEOUS PURPOSE – THAT OF BEING A DIVINE REMINDER. Cf. Eccl.12:1-7.

1. It reminds us that this earth is not our permanent dwelling place, Heb.11:8-16; 1Pet.1:3-5,9; Phil.1:23.
2. That our physical life time is a time of preparation for eternity.
 - a. Mt.6:19-21; 7:21-27.
 - b. Jno.9:4; 2Cor.6:2.
 - c. 1Tim.6:6,7,12-19.
 - d. Heb.5:8,9.
3. That any and all suffering of persecution, trial, heartaches, and disease of the body and mind will end for the righteous at death, Rom.8:16-18; Rev.14:13; Lk.16:19-25.

III. CONCLUSION

1. Since physical death is the destiny of all of us, except those who will be living at the time of the Lord's 2nd Coming, we therefore should made every scriptural effort to be prepared for it, which the Lord urges us to do.
2. Since repentance and correction for our sins is not something we are allowed to do or make after the fact of physical death, heaven can't be our home, nor eternal life our future experience if we are unsaved at the time of our death.
3. Will you not, then, answer the Lord's invitation and prepare now for death and eternity by believing and obeying the gospel of Christ, or by being restored to faith and duty?