

DEATH

Four Reasons for the Physical Death of Believers:

1. Your work on earth is finished. 2 Timothy 4:7 – “*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.*”
2. Glorification of God in a special way. Philippians 1:20-21. (read)
3. Sin Unto Death. 1 Chronicles 10:13; 1 John 5:16.
4. The super-imposition of human volition over Divine volition. (Suicide)

How Believers should view death

JOB 13:15 – “*THOUGH HE SLAY ME YET SHALL I TRUST IN HIM.*”

LUKE 16:19-31 – LAZARUS...another great illustration.

HEBREWS 11:13-16 – Abraham died in a tent even though he was a multi-millionaire because God had promised him a city.

HEBREWS 11:22 - Joseph made them promise his bones would not be buried in Egypt.

PSALM 23:4; JOB 5:17-21; PSALM 116:15 – “*PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.*” This is **DYING GRACE**.

What Death Means to Believers

1. No appointment with Judgment. Romans 8:1.
2. To be face-to-face with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8.
3. No more painful things. Revelation 21:4 – “*GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL THE TEARS FROM OUR EYES AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NEITHER SORROW nor CRYING, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE ANY MORE PAIN, THE FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY.*”
4. An eternal inheritance. 1 Peter 1:3-5. (read)
5. A new home. John 14:2. (read) Notice, Samuel was buried at his house in Ramah, an illustration that his new body would reside in his new home in Heaven, just as his old body would reside at it's old home on earth.
6. To wait on the resurrection. New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Old Testament – Job 19:25-26. (read)

Death with Regards to Loved Ones Left

Job 1:21 – “*THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY; BLESSED BY THE NAME OF THE LORD.*”

David, who was taught Bible Doctrine from Samuel and most benefited from it was not at Samuel's funeral. 1 Samuel 25:11. Why was David not there? Because Saul would be there, and David had correct discernment that he could not trust Saul. “*CURSETH IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTED IN MAN.*”