

Ten Amazing Truths About Death For The Christian

1 John 3:1-3 (NKJV)

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¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. **1 John 3:1-3**

SHOCKING FACT: 189,000 people die world-wide every day.

1. "TO DIE IS GAIN" speaks of advancement. It far exceeds what is left behind.

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

"When **Robert Browning's father** lay dying-he was past eighty at the time -his cheerfulness alarmed the attending physician. "Does the old gentleman know he is dying?" the doctor inquired of his daughter in a low voice. The father overheard him and smiled, · **"Death is no enemy in my eyes."**

2. A Christian is far better off at death.

Because you will be rid of this **"body of death"** (Romans 7:24).

"Depart" is a euphemism for death. When a Christian dies he departs instantly and is transported to heaven. There is no soul sleep!

²³ *For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.*

Philippians 1:23

WHAT A GLORIFIED BODY CAN DO

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| ✓ Live forever | ✓ Be recognized |
| ✓ Never die or age or wear out | ✓ Be touched |
| ✓ Can be seen | ✓ Eat |
| ✓ Appear and disappear as Christ did | ✓ Move quickly |
| ✓ Speak | ✓ Move vertically |

When Christ calls me home I shall go with the gladness of a boy bounding away from school." *Adoniram Judson, first Christian missionary to Burma*

3. The moment you die will be better than the moment the day you were born.

"the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth;"

Ecclesiastes 7:1

"Death ... is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room, I shall be able to see." **Helen Keller**

4. You "live in the Lord," "you die in the Lord" and you will "rise in the Lord."

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Revelation 14:13

"From now on" indicates that for all eternity you will be blessed!

"One day you will read in the papers that **D.L. Moody**, of East Northfield, is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now. I shall have gone up

higher, that is all; out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal, a body that death cannot touch." **Dwight L. Moody**

5. Death is not something gone wrong, but something gone right for the believer.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Psalm 116:15

This verse depicts death from God's side.

"Speculations? I know nothing about speculations. I'm resting on certainties (Promises of God).

I know that my Redeemer lives, and because He lives, I shall live also." **The English scientist Michael Faraday (1791-1867) The Promises of God**

6. Your last breath on earth and the next breath is the first in Heaven! There is no intermediate step between this life and the next. You are here (on earth) one minute and present with the Lord (in heaven) the next. This is a wonderful promise of Scripture!

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

7. At death there will be an explosion of knowledge!

For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal." **Thomas Moore**

8. *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

Romans 8:18

"As followers of Christ, our suffering comes from men, whereas our glory comes from God. Our suffering is earthly, whereas our glory is heavenly. Our suffering is short, whereas our glory is forever. Our suffering is trivial, whereas our glory is limitless. Our suffering is in our mortal and corrupted bodies, whereas our glory will be in our perfected and imperishable bodies.- John MacArthur

9. THE OUTER MAN DIES BUT THE INNER MAN NEVER DIES (THE SOUL AND SPIRIT.)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die (the outer man dies), he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

10. THERE SHOULD BE NO FEAR OF DEATH FOR THE CHRISTIAN.

Why? Because **He is with you!** You are sheltered in the arms of God!

I said, "Pam, you told me that you were going to accept Christ as your Savior. Are you ready to do that?" She said, "I am!" She prayed out loud and after me. **"Lord Jesus thank you for dying on the Cross in my place. Please forgive my sins. Fix my name in the book of life so it cannot be removed. Prepare me a place in Heaven. Thank you for taking the punishment that I deserve. I accept you and the judgment you took for me. Thank you for saving me. AMEN."** There was a smile on her face! The nurse said, "I sure am glad I was here to see what God did!"