

**"He Will Swallow Up Death In Victory; and the Lord GOD Will Wipe Away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people Shall He Take Away from off all the earth: for the LORD Hath Spoken It."** *Isaiah 25:8 KJV*

We're born into death and we will exit into death. Death is separation from life or the absence thereof. If we do not avail ourselves of the gift of eternal Life by grace through faith, we remain forever separated from God who is Life. *"In Him (Christ) Was Life. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of*

*the Only Begotten Son of God. But God, Who Is Rich In Mercy...Hath Quickened us together with Christ, by Grace ye Are Saved."* Death was defeated at Calvary more than two millennia ago by our Lord Jesus for all who will trust Him. *"If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit Is Life because of Righteousness."* For believers, death is their carnal flesh which is "sold under sin – the shadow of death" that constantly tempts us to unbelief. Paul said this: *"Being Justified Freely By His Grace through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus...that He Might Be Just, and the Justifier of him which believeth. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the Law of Faith. I see another law in my members, warring against the Law of my mind, (faith) and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members (body). O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind (soul) I myself serve the Law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."* Through Faith, death (eternal separation from life) is no threat, we eliminate stress, and embolden ourselves to spread the Gospel. What a joyous thought! No more tears! Think of all the things that make us weep. Think of what it will be like to have them become non-existent. Paul, the Apostle said, *"The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory Which Shall Be Revealed in us."* The absolute Truth is; an eternity of torment awaits every soul who dies without Christ. A certain rich man in hell still needs a drop of water! This Truth should spur us to *"preach the Gospel to every creature!"* I don't recommend worldly wisdom, but Schlitz said, "You only go around once!" They meant having a good time was the gusto, and Schlitz beer was the key. The Truth is, Eternal Life is the true "gusto," and Faith is the key! There's no reincarnation or do-over's. *"It Is Appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment:*" God gives us an average of "three-score and ten" (70) years to choose wisely. *"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore (80) years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow. The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not."* Death is always the end of a man's allotted time.

Death will come to men no more,  
If they, but reach celestial shores,  
As long as breath of life remains,  
Men need but call on Jesus' name. –CGP

Believers must dispel lies with Truth before it's too late for dying souls. Fools trade Eternal Substance for transient vapor. If you choose to live your life without God, you will have eternity without Him by your choice. Don't hide Truth from desperate dying men. Give it to those around you so they also may have Eternal Life!

*"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 KJV*

