

The Inevitability of Death [concluded]

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of redemption, He negated the *eternal effects* of both *physical* and *spiritual* death to those who believe! Read carefully this truth from Hebrews 2:14-15:

“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

Jesus Christ took on a physical body in order to live a sinless life, to become the sinless sacrifice for sin, and therefore, through His own physical death to **destroy** (1) Satan’s grip over mankind with the threat of endless death; and (2) Man’s hopeless fear of physical and spiritual death.

Let us never forget that *physical* death was caused by *spiritual* death! There is that inexorable connection! You cannot *ignore* sin and hope to *eliminate* physical death! But you never read of this in the medical journals, do you?

Raised Up Immortally?

There is only one person who was raised up from the dead *never to die again* — **Jesus Christ!** His resurrection from the dead assures our resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:20-22). His sacrifice for our sins assures our salvation from our spiritual death (Titus 1:2; Eph. 4:4). Our hope begins and ends with Jesus Christ!

So while it is well and good to live the best, most healthy life you can live while on this earth, please prepare for the inevitable appointment with death.

First, believe that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that those who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, John 3:16.

Second, repent of the sins that have killed your soul and turn around one hundred and eighty degrees back to God, Acts 2:38.

Third, confess your faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, Romans 10:9-10.

Fourth, be baptized in the watery grave of baptism for the remission of your sins in order to be spiritually *“born again”* (John 3:3), eliminating the spiritual death in which you now stand, Acts 2:38.

Fifth, live a righteous, godly, hopeful life — expecting a glorious eternal life to come, Titus 2:11-14.

The Fear Of Death

I realize that while we do those things appointed for us by God that we will not escape death upon this earth, nor the *temporary* fear and terror that it may cause. **I also know that there is nothing like the death of a faithful Christian!** There is so much confidence, hope and encouragement that such a one is not dead but *“sleeping”* (see 1 Thess. 4:13-14). Plainly put, the *physical* death of a saint is a *temporary* death which God calls *“sleep”* because very soon in His eternal scheme of things the faithful will *“wake up”* to glory!

Eternity may seem a long way off, but it is not. Time is fleeting, life is uncertain, and our appointment with death is determined by God. It is our job in this life to live a good life before God, to learn to accept the inevitable physical death, while avoiding the *“second death”* (Rev. 2:11; 20:6) by God’s plan of salvation. Are you prepared?

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