

# The Principles of Christian Religion

A Study through the Baptist  
Catechism using Benjamin Beddome's  
*Scriptural Exposition*

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(God the Son)

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(God the Holy Spirit)

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Q. 37; Adoption – one time

Q. 38; Sanctification – ongoing

Stage one benefits...

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Q. 39; What are the benefits which *in this life* do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

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Q. 40; What benefits do  
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Zechariah 1:5; Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?

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*All believers must die as well as others.*

2 Peter 1:14; ...knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

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No believer would desire to live forever.

Job 7:16; ...I waste away; I will not live forever. Leave me alone, for my days are *but* a breath.

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There is a manifest difference  
between the death of a  
believer and that *of others*.

Psalm 116:15; Precious in the sight of the  
LORD is the death of His godly ones.

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Death is an advantage to the saints.

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

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The soul of the saint does not die with the body.

Matthew 10:28; And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

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Ecclesiastes 12:7; ...then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

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The soul of the saint  
immediately enters a separate  
state than the body.

2 Corinthians 5:8; ...we are of good  
courage, I say, and prefer rather to be  
absent from the body and to be at  
home with the Lord.

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Death releases the saints from  
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Isaiah 33:24; And no resident will say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell there will be forgiven *their* iniquity.

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Death frees the saints from all  
their remaining corruptions.

Revelation 14:5; And no lie was found  
in their mouth; they are blameless.

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Death sets the saints at an eternal distance from all their spiritual enemies.

Revelation 12:10 ...the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

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Death puts an end to all the trials and labors of the saints.

Revelation 14:13; "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors..."

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Death introduces the saints into  
a state of absolute perfection.

Hebrews 12:23; ...the spirits of  
righteous men [are] made perfect,

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Believers at death enter upon a state of perfect knowledge.

1 Corinthians 13:12; For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

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Believers at death enter upon a state of perfect holiness.

Revelation 7:14 ...and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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Believers at death enter upon a state of complete glory.

Psalm 73:24; With Thy counsel Thou wilt guide me, And afterward receive me to glory.

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Believers at death are received  
into a glorious place.

Revelation 21:23; And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

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Believers at death are joined  
with glorious company.

Hebrews 12:22-24; But you have come ...to  
myriads of angels..., and church of the  
first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and  
to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits  
of righteous men made perfect, and to  
Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,

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Believers at death wear a  
glorious image.

Psalm 17:15; As for me, I shall behold  
Thy face in righteousness; I will be  
satisfied with Thy likeness when I  
awake.

# Question and Answer 40

## P.4 – Death Changes Everything

Believers at death are employed  
in glorious work.

Revelation 7:15; ...they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them.

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Believers at death receive a  
glorious reward.

1 Peter 5:4; And when the Chief  
Shepherd appears, you will receive  
the unfading crown of glory.

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The grave is the common  
receptacle of mankind.

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A decent interment has been  
sometimes denied to wicked  
men.

Jeremiah 22:19; He will be buried with  
a donkey's burial, Dragged off and  
thrown out beyond the gates of  
Jerusalem.

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A decent interment is promised  
to the saints.

Genesis 15:15; And as for you, you shall  
go to your fathers in peace; you shall  
be buried at a good old age.

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The grave is a resting place to  
the saints.

Isaiah 57:2; He enters into peace; They  
rest in their beds, *Each one* who  
walked in his upright way.

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## P.5 – Our Bodies Rest & Decay

The saints sometimes long for  
that resting place.

Job 14:13; Oh that Thou wouldst hide  
me in Sheol, That Thou wouldst  
conceal me until Thy wrath returns  
*to Thee*, That Thou wouldst set a limit  
for me and remember me!

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The saints provide for that resting place.

Genesis 23:4; I am a stranger and a sojourner among you; give me a burial site among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

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Death does not separate the  
saints from the love of God.

Romans 8:38-39; For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## P.6 – Death Brings Us To God

Death does not dissolve the  
union the saints have with  
Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:14; For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

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The saints may meet death  
without fear.

1 Corinthians 15:55; “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

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1 Corinthians 15:58; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.