

## What is Sanctification? Lesson 9 – The Death and Glorification of the Believer

### Introduction:

***Titus 2.13** waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ*

- As Christians, our great hope is that we will \_\_\_\_\_ forever with the Lord.
- As Christians we should never be afraid of \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian.

#### A. Death is the final outcome of life in a \_\_\_\_\_ world.

***Gen 2.16–17** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**”*

- There are three aspects of the death that resulted from Adam and Eve’s sin:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ death in which as sinners, our bodies stop working and they are buried and decay back to dust.

***Gen 3.19** By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, **till you return to the ground**, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, **and to dust you shall return.**”*

***Rom 5.12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men** because all have sinned.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ death in which as sinners, we lose our relationship with God.

***Eph 2.1–2** And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins** 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—*

- \_\_\_\_\_ death in which sinners are thrown into the lake of fire.

***Rev 20.14** Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**, the lake of fire.*

- For Christians, physical death is simply the result of being a \_\_\_\_\_ living in a fallen world.
- Becoming a Christian does not deliver us from having to \_\_\_\_\_ physical death.
- But as Christians, we're promised that physical death does not have the final \_\_\_\_\_ over us.

**1 Cor 15.54b–55 “Death is swallowed up in victory.”**

55 “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

**B. Death is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the soul from the body.**

**Gen 2.7 then the LORD God *formed man of dust* from the ground **and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**, and man became a living creature.**

- The forming of man from dust has reference to his \_\_\_\_\_.
- The life God breathed into him has reference to his \_\_\_\_\_.

**Gen 35.18 And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.**

**1 Kings 17.21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let **this child’s life come into him again.**”**

- At death, the soul of the believer departs to be with \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Cor 5.6–8 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home **in the body we are away from the Lord**, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be **away from the body and at home with the Lord.****

- Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ that his death would only be the departure of his soul to immediately be with Jesus.

**Phil 1.21–23 For to me to **live is Christ**, and to **die is gain**. 22 If I am to **live in the flesh**, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is **to depart and be with Christ**, for that is far better.**

C. Death is a temporary condition for a Christian, which the Bible refers to as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body.

***John 11.11*** Our friend Lazarus has fallen **asleep**, but I go to awaken him.

- When we die, the Bible says that our soul is still \_\_\_\_\_.
- When we die, the Bible says that our body is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Since our body will be \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus says it is only sleeping.
  - Since our body will rise from the grave, it will be \_\_\_\_\_ with our soul.

***1 Thess 4.13-14*** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are **asleep**, that you may not grieve as others who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who are **asleep**.

- By using that language, the Bible is teaching Christians to think about their deaths as something that is only \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can grieve when a fellow Christian dies, but we do not grieve as those who have no \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can also have \_\_\_\_\_ when a Christian dies, since we have the \_\_\_\_\_ of knowing that they are with Christ!

***Phil 1.21*** For to me to live is Christ, and **to die is gain**.

***1 Thess 4.18*** Wherefore **encourage one another** with these words.

D. Death is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sanctification.

***Rom 8.29a*** For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**

***Phil 1.6*** And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you **will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ**.

***Eph 5.27*** so that He might **present the church to Himself in splendor**, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she (the church or we who are saved) might be **holy and without blemish**.

**Jude 24** Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to **present you blameless** before the presence of His glory with great joy,...

- As Christians, we can look forward to death as the arrival of a \_\_\_\_\_ day – the day of the completion of our journey and enjoying eternal victory.

**1 Cor 15.54b–55** ...then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

**“Death is swallowed up in victory.”**

55 **“O death, where is your victory?**

O death, where is your **sting?**”

- Jesus’ death on the cross secured our deliverance from the \_\_\_\_\_ of death and the \_\_\_\_\_ of death.

**Heb 2.14–15** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, **that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death**, that is, the devil, 15 and **deliver all those who through fear of death** were subject to lifelong slavery.

- As Christians, death is simply the \_\_\_\_\_ to our everlasting joy.

**Psa 116.15** Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

- When we see our death as God sees it, we’ll see it as the painful but \_\_\_\_\_ process that takes us into the arms of our Savior.

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the believer.

**Rom 8.29** For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**Rom 8.30** And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also **glorified**.

- “Glorified” means to make someone \_\_\_\_\_ by giving \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the future resurrection of our bodies.

**Job 19.25-26** For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, **yet in my flesh I shall see God**

**Dan 12.2** And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

**John 5.28–29** Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when **all who are in the tombs** will hear his voice **and come out**, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

**John 11.25** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. **Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live**, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of having a resurrected and perfected body rests upon the One who rose from the dead and conquered death for us.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the future resurrection of our bodies.

- Our hope for eternal life \_\_\_\_\_ upon the fact that Jesus is not dead but is risen from the dead and living now in Heaven.

**1 Cor 15.14** And if Christ has not been raised, **then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.**

**1 Cor 15.17** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and **you are still in your sins.**

**1 Cor 15.18** Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

- If \_\_\_\_\_ is not risen from the dead then we will never rise, and we are without hope.
- But since Christ is risen, then His resurrection guarantees \_\_\_\_\_.

**Phil 3.20–21** But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our bodies at the resurrection.

- The resurrection of Jesus ensures us that we will have perfect \_\_\_\_\_ bodies in Heaven, just as Jesus has.

**1 John 3.2** Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears **we shall be like him**, because we shall see him as he is.

- Our resurrected bodies will be just like His when God raises us from the dead.
- We are not told exactly what our bodies will be like in Heaven, but we are told that they will be much \_\_\_\_\_ bodies than we have now.

**1 Cor 15.42–44** *So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is **imperishable**. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in **glory**. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in **power**. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a **spiritual body**.*

- Based on what Paul says here, we know that:
  - Our bodies will be fully restored and made \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our bodies will be made \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our bodies will never \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our bodies will be raised in \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Cor 15.54** *When this perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”*

**Phil 1.21** *For to me to live is Christ, **and to die is gain**.*

### **Conclusion:**

- Christians have no need to fear death, because:
  - Death is the doorway to the glorification, or perfection, of our \_\_\_\_\_.
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