

IF I SHOULD DIE...

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, **as long as I am in this body**, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know **that the putting off of my body will be soon**, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. ¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:12-21)

1. **DEATH BEGINS IN EDEN.**

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but 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." (Genesis 2:16-17)

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. (Genesis 3:7-8)

2. **ADAM AND EVE WERE SEPARATED FROM GOD THAT DAY.**

3. **CHRIST BROUGHT ETERNAL LIFE TO US.**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my renewal should come. (Job 14:14)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

MEMORY VERSE

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

(John 5:24)

4. **WE ARE LEFT ON EARTH TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS.**

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Going Deeper

1. Do you view physical death as a beginning, an end, or a continuation of life?
2. Do you feel physical death is good or bad for the believer?
3. Have you ever been mad at God when someone you love died?
4. What purpose or purposes do you feel God has left for you on earth?
5. What would you like to do before God takes you from this earth?