

DEATH

The Bible lists seven different deaths

1. Physical death.
 - A. Believer: The soul and the spirit leaving the body.
 1. Philippians 1:21, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."
 2. 2 Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."
 - B. Unbeliever: The soul leaving the body.
 1. Luke 17:22, "And He said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it."
2. Spiritual death.
 - A. We are born spiritually dead, but physically alive. The moment the baby gasps its first breath of air, he gets his soul. The minute the soul hits the old sin nature, which is acquired from the father, he dies spiritually. Jesus Christ was always spiritually alive. He became spiritually dead, bearing our sins in His humanity, but it wasn't for His own sin. He had no personal sin or old sin nature.
 1. Ephesians 2:11, "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands."
 2. Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."
 3. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
3. The second death.
 - A. Revelation 20:11-15. This is the last judgment. This is the perpetuation of spiritual death into eternity.
 1. "And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the Earth and the Heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works**. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man **according to their works**. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."
4. Positional death.
 - A. This is identification with Christ in His deaths.
 1. Romans 6:1-14, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that Grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For He that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion

over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under GRACE."

2. Colossians 2:13, "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses."
 3. Colossians 3:13, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."
5. Temporal death.
- A. This is a believer out of fellowship.
 1. Romans 8:6, 13, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."
 2. Ephesians 5:14, "Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."
 3. 1 Timothy 5:6, "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."
 4. James 1:15, "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."
 5. Revelation 3:1, "And the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."
6. Operational death.
- A. No production in time.
 1. James 2:26, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."
7. Sexual death.
- A. The inability to procreate.
 1. Romans 4:17-21, "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom He believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able to perform."
 2. Hebrews 11:12, "Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable."

REASONS WHY CHRISTIANS DIE

1. To glorify the Lord.
 - A. John 21:19, "This spake he, signifying by what death He should glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He saith unto him, Follow Me."
 - B. Luke 16. Lazarus.
 - C. It makes the living go on a crash program.

2. Their work is finished.
 - A. This is the general reason.
 - B. 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
 - C. Revelation 11:7, "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them."
 - D. Luke 23:46, "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the Spirit."

3. Maximum discipline.
 - A. This is the sin unto death.
 1. 1 Corinthians 3:17, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."
 2. 1 Corinthians 11:30, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."
 3. 1 John 5:16, "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."
 - B. Examples:
 1. David was under it.
 - a. Psalm 38.
 2. Partaking of the Lord's Supper out of fellowship, caused the sin unto death.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, "For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me."
 3. King Saul, Hezekiah. There are many examples.

4. Suicide.
 - A. Superimposition of the believer's will over God's will. A believer who commits suicide does go to Heaven. Christ died for the sin of suicide and we also have to consider the doctrine of positional truth, being in union with Christ, always.
 1. Romans 8:38, 39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."