



## O Love That Will Not Let Me Go, Chapters 15-16 | 11/20/22

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### Chapter 15. What More Should God Do To Persuade You To Accept Death Willingly? | Martin Luther (105)

- We need a change of focus
- The right time for our thoughts on sin and death
- Death in the light of grace (107)
- Sin in the light of grace (107)
- What more should God do to persuade you to accept death willingly and not to dread but to overcome it? (108)

### 16. Comfort Against Fears Of The Dying Hour | Thomas Boston (111)

Hope that may comfort them against all those fears which arise from the consideration of a dying hour.

- **Case 1:** What will become of my family? (111)
- **Case 2:** Death will take us away from our dear friends (112)
- **Case 3:** Still having much to do to determine if we are real Christians (112)
- **Case 4:** I am in a bad spiritual condition. (113)

- Case 5: It is terrible to think of the other world...
- **Case 6:** The pains of death are terrible (114)
- **Case 7:** I am likely to be cut off in the midst of my days. (114)
- Case 8: I am afraid of sudden death (114)
- **Case 9:** I am afraid it will be my lot to die lacking the exercise of reason (115)
- **Case 10:** The very thought of death is terrible to me. (115)

A few directions on how to prepare for death

- First, let it be your constant care to keep a clean conscience. (115)
- Second, always be watchful, waiting for your change. (116)
- Third, employ yourselves much in weaning your hearts from the world. Let the mantle of earthly enjoyment hang loose about you, that it may be easily dropped. (117)

### Next Steps

1. How does Luther counsel us to only consider sin and death in light of grace (107)? How would this apply to you specifically?
2. Which of Boston's ten cases seems most relevant to your own fears (111-115)? How does Boston's counsel apply to you? Make this a matter of regular prayer.
3. Which of Boston's final directions for dying comfortably seems most relevant to you (115-118)? Make this a matter of prayer as well.