

# The Bible's Story about Dying

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## **I. The doctrines of death and life**

### **A. Death is according to the receipt of payment that is due**

**Rom 6:23** For the wages of sin *is* death...

**Jas 2:10** ...whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

**1Jn 1:10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar...

### **B. Life is according to the gift of payment that is made**

**Rom 6:23** ...but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Mat 20:28** ...the Son of man came...to give his life a ransom (*Gk--to loose*) for many.

**1Pe 1:18** ...ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold...

**1Pe 1:19** But with the precious blood of Christ...

### **C. Death — ‘*as by one man*’**

**Rom 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:

#### **D. Life — ‘as by one man’**

**Joh 14:6** .I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**Act 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

#### **II. The doctrine of positional relationship—Eternity is based on ‘as by one man’**

**1Co 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

##### **A. As by one man—All who were in that one man are judged & condemned as sinners**

**Rom 5:18** ...by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation...

**Rom 5:19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...

##### **B. As by one man—All who were in that one man are judged & justified as righteous**

**Rom 5:18** ...even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

**Rom 5:19** ...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

##### **C. The action of the head counts for all who were ‘in’ the head (no choice—no option)**

#### **III. Eternity is not by ‘decisional salvation’—But by positional relation—‘IN Christ’**

**Rom 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are **IN Christ Jesus**...

**2Co 5:21** For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God **IN him**.

**1Co 1:30** But of him are ye **IN Christ Jesus**...

**Eph 1:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us **IN him** before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted **IN the beloved.**

Eph 1:7 **IN whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

Eph 1:11 **IN whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

#### **IV. Knowing if you are going**

##### **A. The first big step in knowing if you are going is knowing that going is all of God**

Rom 9:16 ..not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy

2Ti 1:8 ...the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...

##### **1. There is assurance in knowing that your salvation is not based on your faith**

Mat 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? ...

Mar 9:... Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

##### **2. Eternal salvation is not based on your faith**

Rom 3:3-4 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid...

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

##### **3. Faith is not the cause of ‘born again’—‘Born again’ is the cause of faith**

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...**faith,**

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given...to believe on him...

**Eph 1:19** And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

**Eph 1:20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

**B. The second step in knowing if you are going is knowing if you are born again**

**Rom 8:30** ...whom he did predestinate, them he also called (*born again*): and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**1. Paul could remember his ‘born again’ moment—He liked to talk about it**

**Act 9:6** And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? ...

**2. It is unlikely that John the Baptist could remember being born again**

**Luk 1:44** ...the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

**Gal 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...

**V. So, if I can’t remember being born again—Is there any way to tell that I have been?**

**A. Bible truth: Except a man be born again—He is dead to the spiritual realm of God**

**Eph 2:1** And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

**Joh 5:25** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

**B. The *unborn again dead* cannot know, hear or believe spiritual things—(Can you?)**

**1Co 2:14** ..the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are fool- ishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

**Joh 8:43** Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

**Joh 12:37** ...though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not...

Joh 12:39 ...they could not believe...

**C. The *uncalled spiritually dead* will not & cannot come to Jesus—(Have you come?)**

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

**VI. *The fruit of the Spirit is love ... goodness ... faith...* (Gal 5:22)**

**A. If a person now loves God—He or she has already been born again**

1Jn 4:7 ...love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God...

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren...

**B. If a person has goodness—He or she has already been born again**

1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoso- ever **doeth not righteousness** is not of God...

1Jn 2:29 ...every one that **doeth righteousness** is born of him.

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you...that ye also are **full of goodness**...

Mat 7:16 Ye shall **know them by their fruits**...

**C. If a person now believes—He or she has already been born again**

1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ **is born of God**...

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son **hath everlasting life**...

**D. Belief is not for getting everlasting life—Belief is your evidence that you have it**

Joh 3:3 ...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man...

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

## VII. What happens when I die? —After I die?

### A. Dying is nothing to fear

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me...

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

### B. Dying is just living in another place

Joh 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Luk 23:43 ...Jesus said unto him...To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

2Co 5:8 ... absent from the body ... present with the Lord.

Ecc 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

### C. The dead bodies will live again

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him...

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.