

"Nine evils which death will put an end to"

By Thomas Watson, "The Saint's Desire to be with Christ"

"I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far!"

Philippians 1:23

It is the desire of a true saint to be gone from this present world, "I desire to depart." What a wicked man fears — that a godly man hopes for! The worldling desires to live in this present world forever; he knows no other heaven but earth — and it is death to him to be turned out of his heaven. A wicked man does not go out of this world — but is dragged out!

But a soul enlivened and ennobled with a principle of grace, looks upon the world as a wilderness wherein are fiery serpents, and he desires to get out of this wilderness!

The bird desires to get out of the cage, though it is made of gold. Just so, the saints of God have looked upon themselves as imprisoned in the body, and have longed for a jail-delivery. "Oh, that I had wings like a dove, that I might fly away and be at rest!" (Psalm 55:6).

It is no wonder that a true saint is so earnest to be gone from this present world — if we consider how beneficial death is to a child of God. Death puts an end to all his evils! In particular, there are nine evils which death will put an end to:

1. Death will put an end to a believer's SINS.
2. Death will put an end to a believer's TEMPTATIONS.
3. Death will put an end to a believer's FEARS.
4. Death will dry up a believer's TEARS.
5. Death will put an end to a believer's TROUBLES.
6. Death puts an end to a believer's CARES.
7. Death will put an end to all our NATURAL imperfections.
8. Death will put an end to the imperfections of GRACE.
9. Death will put an end to a weary PILGRIMAGE.

Though death is a bitter cup, there is sugar at the bottom. Death is the believer's best friend; for it brings him to Christ, which is far better. "I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far!"

Today is Sunday November 24, 2024

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

Pastor's thought for the week.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" 1 Peter 5:2

How does God see people?

Part 4

Genesis 6:5 - 6 *"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."*

We have look looked at the human soul and spirit, now we want to look at the human body. Death did not just come to the human spirit, it has also came to the human body, each day, day by day we are aging and our old bodies are decaying. If you are saved and have been born of God then your soul has been cleansed, your spirit has been quickened and you body will be glorified in the rapture of the saints. Let us look at Romans 8:30 *"Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."* God said *"whom he called, them he also justified"* If you are justified then you have been saved and through that salvation God cleansed our souls through the blood of Jesus Christ, He has also quickened our dead spirits, and in time He will glorify our decaying bodies by giving us new bodies. When God is finished with our salvation we will for the first time be completely redeemed with all three of our parts, our soul, spirit, and body being glorified.

Lost people do not understand that since we are born with sinful souls that we are at enmity with God and with our spirits being dead we will never be able to bring any glory to God. A persons soul is the living being in every person at birth. God said in Genesis 2:7 *"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."* Before we were a "living soul" we were a clay body made from the dirt of the ground and our inside was lifeless, no soul, no spirit, and just a body. When God breathed into the nostrils the breath of life Adam became a living soul with a living spirit, and a living and functioning body. This man that God made in His own image was a tri-being, with a soul, spirit, and body, alive and perfect in every way. Death came to us when Eve disobeyed God, listened to Satan who was in a serpent form, lied to Eve and talked her into eating of the forbidden fruit. And because she disobeyed God, and eat, she brought death on herself. Her soul was sinful, her spirit died, and her body started dying.

Pastor's Thought Continued

Adam had seen what she had done took and eat of the fruit also and he had the same results. God told Adam, *"And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;"* Genesis 3:17 It is through Adam that every living soul ever born through the bloodline of a man are born cursed with sinful souls, dead spirits, and decaying bodies. *"For as in Adam all die..."* 1Cor 15:22a meaning every living soul, except for Jesus Christ who was the Son of God and not the offspring of Adam are born sinners and at enmity with God. This brings us to a word most of the religious world hates and it is "total depravity" which means man is moral corrupted and full of wickedness and he has no good in him. God wrote of man and said, *"...There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."* Rom 3:10 - 11. This is the definition of a total depraved soul, there is nothing good in unredeemed people, nothing. People are unable to change from the sinful souls that we are born with to do good for God. *"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."* Romans 1:21 The question is, "if people could master their own salvation, then why does God save us"? God said of humanity, *"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."* Jeremiah 13:23 What makes some believe that they can "turn over a new leaf" or make a choice or decision to change from the lost and sinful creature that we are from birth? Why does God save us by grace, why does God say we are born from above, why does God say that He draws us, and why does God say, *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."* John 1:12 - 13 It is because like the Ethiopian and the leopard, we cannot change what we are by nature.

Church information and Happenings

- Happy Birthday to Sister Mhalyn Lavina Yesterday Saturday November 23rd (I left it out last week's newsletter)
- Just a reminder Brother Steve McCool will be here to speak for us Wednesday night.

Happy Thanksgiving

1Thess. 5:18 *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"*