

The BELIEVER'S glorious H.O.P.E. in "DEATH"!

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Believers in Christ are "*justified through faith, and "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."* Romans 5:1-2.
.. we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep (die), or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.
1 Thess. 4:13-18

Highlight of the Christian Gospel. (1 John 3:1-3.)

- Philippians 1:21-23. "...to live is Christ and to die is gain.... I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; .."
- Job 23:10. "But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold."
- Job 19:26 " ..And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;.."
- Psalms 73:23-26. "Whom have I in Heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You!"

Overcomers by faith in God's promises. (Revelation 3:5.)

- 1 Corinthians 15:55-57. "Where, o death, is your victory?.. your sting? ... God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus."
- 1 Peter 1:2-5. ". chosen according to the foreknowledge of God, ..for obedience to Jesus Christ ..into an inheritance .. in heaven,"
- 2 Samuel 12:19-23. "...now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."
- 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20. ".our hope, our joy, our crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ when He comes."

Precious in God's sight is the death of His saints. (Psalm 116:15.) God's plan brought to completion!

- John 17:24. Jesus prayed: "Father, I want those you have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory,..."
- Eph. 2:4-7. "God raised us up with Christ.. that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, to us in Christ Jesus."
- Rom. 8:28-30. "... those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, ..., called; ... justified; ... glorified."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7-8. "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

Eternal Rest & Reward (Ephesians 1:18.)

- Matt. 25:34. "Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."
- Rev. 14:13. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord they will REST from their labour, for their deeds (REWARDS) will follow them."
- Matt. 25:23. "His Master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your Master's happiness!'"
- 1 Peter 1:3-9. "Though you have not seen Him, you love Himyou are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

Jesus said ...

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord....I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."
(John 11:25-27.)

"Whoever believes in the Son (of God - the Lord Jesus Christ) has Eternal Life." (John 3:36.)