

## Questions and Answers

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

A. Don't the Scriptures state that everyone must die?

1. It is appointed unto men once to die. Heb 9:27

Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Heb 9:25 Nor yet that he should **offer himself often**, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now **once in the end of the world** hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men **once to die**, but after this the judgment:

Matt 27:52-53 On the day that Jesus died, many arose and came out of the graves.

Today, over 1 million people have medically died and been restored to life.

In the Bible and in the walk of believers today, many have been raised from the dead.

Mat 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, **raise the dead**, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Psa 102:19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the

LORD behold the earth; Psa 102:20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to **loose those that are appointed to death**;

2. Doesn't the Bible say that the outward man perishes?

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death (*i.e., death to carnality, to sin, to pride, to self*) for Jesus' sake, that **the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh**. **Note:** *Matt 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

2Co 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

2Co 4:14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present [us] with you. (*Refer: Rom 8:11 below*).

2Co 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, **yet the inward [man] is renewed day by day**.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (*i.e., give life to*) your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 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**.

3. Doesn't the Bible say that man's life is like grass and fades away?

Psa 103:15 [As for] man, his days [are] as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

Psa 103:16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Psa 103:17 But the mercy of the LORD [is] from **everlasting to everlasting** upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Psa 103:18 **To such as keep his covenant**, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

4. Isn't there a time to die?

Ecc 3:1 To every [thing there is] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Ecc 3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up [that which is] planted;

Many Scriptures are specific to a particular age. For example, do you believe that, if Adam had not sinned, there would have been for him a time to die? In the Millennial Age, it clearly states that the overcomers and martyrs are not subject to the second death. Furthermore, Enoch and Elijah did **not** die a physical death. However, we have all sinned and so the real person, the real **you who is a spirit, has already died once.**

Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, **sin revived, and I died.** v10 And the commandment, which [was ordained] to life, I found [to be] unto death.

5. Hasn't God given man 70 or 80 years?

Psa 90:1 <**A Prayer of Moses** the man of God.> Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place ...

Psa 90:7 **For we are consumed by thine anger,** and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Psa 90:8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret [sins] in the light of thy face.

Psa 90:9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale.

Psa 90:10 The days of our years [are] threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength [they be] fourscore years, yet [is] their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. **Note:** *This is describing the children of disobedience dying off in the wilderness.*

Psa 91:1 **He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High** shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psa 91:2 I will say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psa 91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I [will be] with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Psa 91:16 **With long life will I satisfy him,** and shew him my salvation.

B. Doesn't the history of mankind tell us that every one dies?

1. Isn't it obvious that we can see that everybody dies?

2 Cor 5:7 We walk by faith and not by sight. It makes no difference as to how many people go to hell or die. What is reality is that the Bible says that we should be born again so as not to go to hell and that we should live and not die so as to be alive and remain when Jesus returns. Furthermore, Enoch and Elijah did not die. Adam was created to live for ever. He chose death by eating the fruit. The 144,000 will not die. Those in the rapture will not die.

Rev 14:1 .... a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. .... the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. Rev 14:4 ..... These were redeemed from among men, **[being] the firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.

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.

2. Didn't Benjamin Franklin say that nothing is certain but taxes and death?

Well, he was wrong on both counts. Wikipedia states that **seven U.S. states** forgo individual income taxes: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. Residents of New Hampshire and Tennessee are not taxed on their paycheck, though they do pay tax on dividends and income from investments.

**Some countries** with no income tax are: (Note: per capita income in US \$ within brackets) United Arab Emirates (\$49,000), Oman, Bahrain, Qatar (\$124,000), Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Monaco (\$144,000), the Bahamas, and Andorra.

**1Co 15:51** I shew you a mystery; **we shall not all sleep (die),** but we shall all be changed.

3. Didn't God tell Adam on the day that you eat the fruit, you shall surely die (Gen 2:16,17)?  
Actually, rather than making a case for the theory that all have to die, this statement does the opposite. It is clear that, if Adam did not eat the fruit, he would never die. That was God's plan. Death came from satan. He is the author of death.  
2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, **who hath abolished death**, and hath brought **life and immortality** to light through the gospel:  
Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**  
Heb 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.  
Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage **again** to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father
4. Since so many of God's great men and women have died, who am I to expect to live forever?  
Mat 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Why? because we are born of the Spirit of God John 3:3. So we are greater than John the Baptist and all those under the old covenant. Additionally, we have a much better covenant for we are redeemed from death. But as you believe, so shall you receive because God's people perish for lack of Knowledge Hos 4:6
5. Isn't it true that Enoch and Elijah were special because God needed their bodies to be used as the two witnesses in Rev 11?  
On the Mount of Transfiguration there were Elijah and Moses, representing the Spirit and the Law. Shouldn't they be the two witnesses and not Enoch? Some say that Moses' body was never found and so he will be one of the two witnesses along with Elijah. But Deut 34:7 states clearly that Moses was 120 years old when he died. From the Book of Revelation Series, we know that the two witnesses are, in fact, two of the first members of the Glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle. Like Jesus, they will lay down their life and pick it up back again.

C. Doesn't the Bible talk about the spirit of death and the cycle of life?

1. All the days of your life.  
Gen 3:17 Cursed is the ground; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it **all the days of thy life.**  
This implies an end to life, which is true for with sin came death. The wages of sin is death but Jesus took all of our sins; so no sin, no death; no death, no end to life.  
Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
2. From dust you came, to dust you will return.  
Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: **for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.**  
This was describing a curse on Adam because he had sinned and because he was made out of the earth. We have been redeemed from all curses (Gal 3:13) and for us tithing breaks the curse of the earth, so it can not affect us. Though our bodies are made of that which is corruptible, even our bodies shall be redeemed, made glorified and incorruptible.  
Ecc 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.  
1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. v.54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

3. Till death do us part.

Again, this implies an end to life in death but this was only Ruth speaking to her mother-in-law. Rth 1:17 Ruth said to her mother-in-law Naomi, "Where thou diet, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, **[if anything] but death part thee and me.** "

Luk 20:34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

Luk 20:35 But **they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world**, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

Luk 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

But the overcomers do not die, so they are not resurrected. They are raptured without death and are not children of the resurrection. Can they marry? I do not know.

4. Does the Bible talk about a cycle of life?

The word, "cycle", is not used in the Bible (KJV). The stages and processes of a cycle of life are described from birth to maturation to death.

Psa 17:14 ... and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid [treasure]: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their [substance] to their babes.

Psa 88:3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

The description is for fallen man. Born again children of God should feed on the strong meat of the Word (Heb 5:14) and move into the blessings of being a joint heir with Jesus (Gal 4:1-7), which includes the promise that Jesus died for you so you do not have to die (Rom 6:11).

5. What about the spirit of death?

There is no reference to an angel of death or to a spirit of death.

Rom 8:2 The Spirit of Life is the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:11 The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.

Death comes from the destroyer. Satan is the thief who comes to steal, kill and **destroy** but Jesus came so you could have life better than you have ever imagined it (John 10:10 MB).

Exo 12:23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the **destroyer** to come in unto your houses to smite [you].

Psa 17:4 Concerning the works of men, **by the word of thy lips** I have kept [me from] the paths of the **destroyer**.

1Co 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the **destroyer**.

Remember you are justified (i.e., you are living as if you have never sinned) by the words of your mouth (Matt 12:37)