

Psalm 82:6-7

Foundation Scripture:

Psa 82:6 I have said, Ye [are] gods; and all of you [are] children of the most High.

Psa 82:7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

A. Living or dying under the Old Testament.

1. Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live:
2. Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
3. Deu 28:1 If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe [and] to do all his commandments
Deu 28:2 *then* all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
Deu 28:15 But if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

B. Living or Dying under the New Testament.

1. Sin leads to death.
Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
2. Living carnally is death.
Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace.
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. Our Savior Jesus redeemed us from sins and from death. (John 11:26)

C. Live as Gods or Die Like Men.

1. Can it be done?
Enoch and Elijah did it.
Abraham and Moses almost did it.
The 144,000 will do it (Rev 7 & 14).
Those who are alive and remain true to the Gospel will do it (1 Cor 15:51).
2. Live in Christ under the lordship of Jesus.
 - a) Die to self (pride) and sin.
 - b) Live without sinning [*and, if you sin, confess it* (1John 1:9)].
 - c) Live in the spirit, not carnally.
 - d) Let Christ, let love fill your heart.
3. If you choose to die, die in Christ for the dead in Christ will rise first at the return of Jesus (i.e., live with Jesus as Lord, not just as Savior).