

The Last Enemy
Part 3

Promises of Life

Overview: Life comes from connection to God, for God is life (John 14:6). Conversely, death is separation from God (Gen 2:17) and this breaking of the spiritual connection to God eventually produces a body which has exhausted its supply of God's life (Gen 3:17-19).

A. Why do people think that they have to die?

1. Most people walk by sight.

- a) Experience: Their history tells them that people die.
But, as you believe, so shall you receive. Mark 9:23
If you can imagine it, God can do better. Eph 3:20
- b) Science: Actuarial tables list life expectancies.
But science teaches that all cells are replaced every 7 years.
Methuselah lived to 969 in a sinful body and he was not even born again. Gen 5:27
- c) All the apostles died.
But they were willing to die Stephen (Acts 7:59); Paul 2 Tim 4:6
Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow John 11:16
disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.
- d) Aging is associated with deterioration and death.
For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the 2 Cor 4:16
inward man is renewed day by day; But you are a new creation. 2 Cor 5:17
But you are walking in newness of life (Amplified). Rom 6:3-4
But your youth is renewed as the eagle's. Ps 103:5
But, if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he Rom 8:11
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.
- e) It is appointed for each to die once. Heb 9:27
But how about Enoch (Gen 5:24) and Elijah? 2 Kin 2:11
But Lazarus (John 11:43) and many others have died more than once, Matt 27:53
including those who came out of the graves when Jesus died.
But you are really a spirit who died once and was born again. 1 Thes 5:23

2. Believers are commanded to walk by faith.

- We may not understand it but, if the Bible says it, then we believe that it is true.
So what does the Bible say about dying and death?
- a) On the day that you sin (i.e., eat of the fruit), you shall surely die. Gen 2:17
 - b) The wages of sin is death. Rom 6:23
But your sins have been nailed to the cross. Col 2:14
You are sin free (Rom 6:11) and you are the righteousness of God in Christ. 2 Cor 5:21
 - c) As part of the Great Exchange, Jesus died for you so that you don't have to die.
But we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels Heb 2:9
for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He
by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
 - d) You have been set free from the wages of sin.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free Rom 8:2
from the law of sin and death.
Jesus took your sins. He took the wages. He took your death.
 - e) If you will believe it, death has already been abolished for you, a child of God.
.... Our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought 2Ti 1:10
life and immortality to light through the gospel:

B. His Promises of Life to His Children.

1. Old Covenant Promises.

- a) With long life will I satisfy you. Ps 91:16
- b) God tells us to choose life or death. Deut 30:19
- c) The appointment with death has been cancelled. Ps 102:18-20
This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord. For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death.
- d) Death and life are in the power of your tongue. Pro 18:21
- e) Your tongue is a tree of life. Pro 15:4
- f) With humility and fear of the Lord are riches, honor and **life**. Pro 22:4

2. New Covenant Promises.

- a) You have been redeemed from the Law of Sin and Death. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (i.e., If you sin, you die.). Rom 8:2
- b) Whosoever believes in Jesus should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:15,16
- c) I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. John 10:25
- d) He that eats of the bread of life shall live forever. John 6:47-66
- e) If a man keeps my words, he shall never see death. John 8:51
- f) Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and **whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die**. Believest thou this? John 11:25-26
- g) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6
- h) To be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life. Rom 8:6
- i) For if you live after the flesh, you shall die, but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live. Rom 8:13
- j) Glory to be revealed in us ... the redemption of our body. Rm 8:14-23
- k) Behold I tell you a mystery. We shall not all die; but we shall all be changed. 1 Cor 15:51
- l) That **Christ may dwell in your hearts** by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that **ye might be filled with all the fulness of God**.

C. How to Manifest the Promises of Life.

1. Live in holiness.

- a) Be holy for your Father is holy. 1 Pet 1:16
- b) Live unto righteousness. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should **live unto righteousness**: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Pe 2:24
- c) Be led by the Spirit so as to be an adult in the family of God. Rom 8:14

2. Affirm, prophesy, and declare life.

- a) In the Name of Jesus, "I shall not die but live to declare the works of the Lord" Ps 118:17
- b) In the Name of Jesus, "I shall live and remain until the coming of the Lord." 1Ths 4:15,17

Suggestion: Pray daily Ephesians 3:14-21 that you might be changed by the Spirit of God into a completely loving, forgiving person who passes on nothing but God's love and glory.