

You Will Never See Death

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Believers in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and today believe the promises of God and the good news of the gospel, and have the certainty that they will live eternally even if they die physically. This frees them up to live gloriously different and abundantly generous with their time, talents, treasures, tithe, and touch.

I. Believers Will Never Die – Read and answer the following questions.

- A. What do you think Jesus means when he says, “*you will never see death*” in John 8:51?
- B. After reading 2 Cor. 5:6-10 and Philippians 1:21-23, how should believers think about death?
- C. How is the parable in Luke 16:19-31 helpful as you think about what happens when people die?
- D. Read 1 Cor. 15:50-58. What encourages you the most as you think about the final resurrection?
- E. Do you have any other questions about death and the future bodily resurrection?

II. Old Testament Believers Never Die – Read and answer the following questions

- A. What promises were made to Abraham and how does he respond (Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6)?
- B. How does Paul help us to understand what happened back in Genesis (Galatians 3:1-9)?
- C. Read Romans 4:13-25. How is Abraham’s faith an encouragement for you to walk by faith?
- D. Abraham understood and believed the gospel. How does Hebrews 11:8-20 help you understand how Abraham had all of these gospel categories?

III. Application – Read and answer the following questions

- A. How would you like to see yourself grow in believing the promises of God? Are there specific promises of God that you have in mind? What are they and what would growth look like?
- C. What do you think keeps you back from longing for Christ’s return?
- D. In which category do you think you are the most generous (time, talents, treasures, or touch)? In which category would you like to see God do a good work to move you forward?