

# THE FIRST AND SECOND DEATH

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To those that are in right standing with God; the first death at the end of natural life is a temporary sleep before being resurrected into a new spiritual body. Those who have died are not even aware of death; the dead don't know they are dead; their cycle and awareness is over. God explains that the natural life of the unsaved as being little different than being dead. We are encouraged to make wise choices before our time runs out (not just leaving it to the last moment). No one knows how long they have to live. For those of us who have the Holy Spirit, we are encouraged to keep our perspective and be mindful for the lives of others.

*The First death is physical death... The second death is Spiritual death.*

**\*The First death. HEB 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the **judgment**: (the determination of spiritual status). God cannot offer a perfect new body to those that are still corrupted by sin. **28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. This promise is for those who receive and walk in the spirit.

*All humans are a living spirit in a fleshy body... they all need to upgrade their Spirit if they wish to be free (Like a caterpillar cocooning itself into a butterfly).*

**Priorities. MAT 8:21** And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. This man's father had just died or was close to the end of his life. He wanted to wait for a more suitable time. **22** But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. It is interesting that Jesus concluded that those outside of the plan of God were dead (spiritually). Let the unsaved worry about the dead. We have more important things to do: we can't help the dead... they have made their final choices.

*Jesus makes it clear that there is no suitable reason to put eternal salvation on hold... A spiritual Godly life is always a priority.*

**Everyone who has ever lived will face God. ACT 24:15** And (we) have hope toward God, which they themselves (the Jews) also allow, that there shall be a **resurrection of the dead**, both of the **just and unjust**. Even the Jews understood that there is going to be a resurrection of the dead; both the pure and the unclean (who both sleep in death). **The dead are neither in heaven or hell as yet. ECC 9:5** For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Both will be judged by God's word to see if they are suitable to live again in a spiritual body; prepared by God. Those that show disregard for God and his word, will not be getting another life.

*The word 'hell' can mean the state of the dead in the grave (sleeping, without any thoughts) or the eternal final state of those who are rejected by God.*

**Jesus highlights the fact that those who have died in the service of God are considered to be alive. MAT 22:32** I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. Even though Abraham and the others were physically dead, God considered them as living: they had physically died while serving God. Again, the 'dead' here, refers to unsaved (ungodly) people, the spiritually dead wouldn't need God; ignorantly choosing to reject a future life on God's terms.

*Spiritual life is on God's terms, any other choice leads to death.*

**Jesus is going to reveal himself to the earth. 1THE 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout** (like a military command), with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: The dead in **Christ** (gr christos ...the anointed) shall rise first. Those that have overcome, rise first to rule & reign with those who are alive. Those that have learnt to allow the spirit to lead and guide them, they will meet the Lord as friends and heirs.

*The second death is the result of the final judgment at the end of the millennial reign. All evil and negativity will cease to exist after the final judgement.*

**Who shall escape the second death? REV 20:6** Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no **power** (authority), but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a **thousand years**. The second & final judgment occurs after the millennium.

*MAT 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment (the punishment lasts forever... not the punishing): but the righteous into life eternal.*

**\*The Second death is eternal. It comes to all who are not in the Book of Life at the Great Judgement. It involves the Lake of Fire. REV 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to **their works** (spiritual choices). **13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and **death and hell** delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **14** And **death and hell** (both are a state of spiritual failure) were cast into the **lake of fire**. This is the **second death**. (All spiritual corruptions are permanently destroyed). **15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the **lake of fire** (judgement). Those who choose to obey the gospel are saved by fire: **Final Solution. MAT 3:11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the **Holy Ghost**, and with **fire** (eternal cleansing flame... the same fire that guided and cared for Moses and Israelites): Physical death has been an inescapable reality since Adam. The second death (spiritual death), will occur at the same moment for everyone who has ever lived and not bothered to make wise choices. At one moment of time, all will face God; all will realise the eternal choices they made; most will regret, but none will be able to change a thing. It is a lot better to get your life in order now and assist all those who will hear... there will be no chance at judgement.