

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS
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Oh! Blessed Resurrection Hope

“And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord” (Ezekiel 37:13-14).

“Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we SHALL BE CHANGED, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be RAISED incorruptible, and we SHALL BE CHANGED. For this corruptible MUST put on incorruption, and this mortal MUST put on immortality. (I Corin 15:52-53).

Beloved of God, Oh, what a mystery mortal physical death is. Man, by nature, lives his whole life however many years, with the fear of death as a sinful mortal creature. From the time we are begotten from our mother’s womb, and are nursed along to childhood, we only know that life consists of our immediate family and THINGS. The longer we live in this time world and grow, we become more and more influenced and attached to THINGS. We brought NOTHING into this world at physical birth and we shall take NOTHING with us upon physical death.

Yet, on the spiritual aspect, they that are Born Again of God’s Holy Spirit, called into an intimate personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, shall depart this mortal realm with a TREASURE that has come to dwell within these mortal vessels of dust. The second birth is a quickening of the soul that dominates the natural man’s spirit, as the Spirit of the Almighty God of immortal glory indwells the once dead in sin, depraved and fallen creature. This New Birth manifest a New Creature wherein dwelleth righteousness in a mortal body destined to perish through physical death.

Death, oh death, what a monster that haunts the minds of millions of the human race.

Through the revelation of the scriptures, we see that through this mystery experience of entering through death's veil, and crossing the river from mortality into immortality is of necessity... The dimension of faith, the gift of God, the fruit of the Spirit, the faith of Christ, we see through the veil of death very dimly and only have a little glimmer of the reality of the experience as we witness those that lay before us, and pass from us as breath ceases to exist and heart stops its pace... No more response, a body lay before us unable to respond in any way. Life snuffed out like a soft breeze over a flickering candle. The shell of a once living mortal lay before us. Now, just a memory exists of what was once our living loved one.

As I spoke to a man in conversation today, I emphasized the fact that there is NO guarantee of tomorrow. He agreed with my comment. I ask him how many generations can you recall the names of family members? Do you know the name of your Great, Great, Great, Grandfather? How many people would know? That goes to show you that in time (if the Lord tarries) that you will not even be remembered by NONE of the human race. This fact makes us really feel important doesn't it? Yet, God shall NEVER forget we that have been chosen in Christ as his people and beloved Bride. We have a blessed hope that our God shall remember me."

Oh, how sweet to know a loving Saviour that though this body of dust be swept across the dry sands of earths crusty surface, I shall see my Saviour in a NEW body, likened unto his own glorified body per the promise of the Holy Writ. To God be the glory, praise and honor, for he has defeated death and hell for our sakes and has placed within those that have been called of God the HOPE that is reinforced by the vehicle of FAITH. That even in that transformation Day, faith shall take it's flight as it gives way to spiritual sight of our beloved Savior, Redeemer, Advocate and Friend...JESUS the Saviour of sinners. God's beloved darling Son. This is the Christian's HOPE, a tangible HOPE that is bestowed through the FAITH of Christ to those who believe by the miracle work of GRACE.

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