

Psalm 116:15

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 J U G R E E Q I U R I I
 M D P O D K P S A C O Y
 C I X F H A S O D A U P
 M U X D E E U I E N S M

*Words to Find:
 "Precious
 in the
 sight
 of the
 LORD
 is the
 death
 of his
 saints."*

Roll Call

D. L. Moody

A soldier wounded lay dying in his cot. Suddenly the deathlike stillness of the room was broken by the cry, "Here! Here!", which burst from the lips of the dying man.

Friends rushed to the spot and asked what he wanted. "Hark," he said, "they are calling the roll of heaven, and I am answering to my name." In a few moments once more he whispered, "Here!" and passed into the presence of the King.

"Aspire to inspire before you expire!"

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To Be with Christ Is Far Better

Bill Brinkworth

Most people, Christian's included, have much fear and anxiety about their death. Paul had a much different outlook on his. His attitude was that his life here on this earth was more important to others than to him (Phil. 1:24). He considered death a gain to him, rather than a great loss.



"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philip. 1:21

That is a much different view than those living for the party scene would have. They look forward to constant excitement and a party life. If they could not be partying, they would not be happy. The thought of death and the next life would not be something they would look forward to, as it would be different from what they like.

Self-centered people get their enjoyment when they are the center of attention; when their

needs are catered to. They also would fear an eternal future, where they were not in the position to get what they wanted, and run the show.

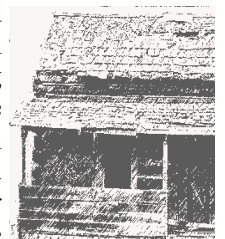
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Only the Shack Was Destroyed

C. H. Spurgeon

Certain Swiss peasants were feeding their flocks on one of the lofty upland valleys. On one side of the pasture stood a number of wooden huts, in which they lived during the summer. They were poor shacks, which they left as soon as the winter set in.

One day they heard a strange rumbling up in the lofty Alps, and they understood what it meant; a mass of rock, snow, or ice had fallen, and would soon come crushing down in the form of an avalanche. In a short time, their fears were



realized when they saw the tremendous mass come rushing

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*“For the child of God,
death is the entrance
way to heaven.”*

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One seeking political power and money is satisfied when he is running things, and his voice is the one changing the way people live. He would also not be content in heaven where God is the only ruling power, and His will is the only one that matters.

A Christian, however, should have a completely different view of his eternal future, as did Paul. This life is not our permanent home; we are just “pilgrims passing through”. While here on the earth, we have a purpose to be a good testimony for the cause of Christ, and to serve the Lord any way we can.

If we have done what the Bible says one must do to have God’s promise of going to heaven by being saved, we no longer have to fear eternity. We can have great peace that the world does not have concerning this matter (Psalms 119:165). We may even find ourselves like Paul, longing for heaven, but happy serving the Lord while we are here.

“For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart,

**“God will survive
your rejection — but
you won’t!”**

*and to be with Christ; which is
far better:”* Philippians 1:23

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from above, bearing destruction in its course. What did it destroy? Only the old, wooden shacks, that was all. Every one of the shepherds and their family was safe

Their case is a picture of ours. The “avalanche” of death will come one day. When it does, only the saint’s temporary earthen house will be destroyed. The real “them” will be safe and live an everlasting life. Will you fret over so small a loss?

Death

Author Unknown

*What is death? Oh! What is
death?*

‘Tis the snapping of the chain;

‘Tis the breaking of the bowl;

‘Tis relief from every pain;

‘Tis freedom to the soul.

‘Tis the setting of the sun

To rise again tomorrow,

A brighter course to run

Nor sink again in sorrow.

*Such is death! Yes, such is
death!*

*What is death? Oh, what is
death?*

‘Tis slumber to the weary;

‘Tis rest to the forlorn;

‘Tis shelter to the dreary;

*‘Tis peace amid the storm;
‘Tis the entrance to our home;
‘Tis the passage to that God
Who bids His children come
When their weary course is trod.
Such is death! Yes, such is death!*

God Will Be With Us

Whitson

It is true that no earthly friend can accompany one in death. There is no human arm on which we can steady ourselves, as we walk through its dark valley. Although we may then be alone in one sense, we will not be alone in another, as the Saviour has promised to accompany us. He said, “When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.” Isa 43:2

Surely then we can also sing as did David, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4

When a child walks down a dark road at night, does he fear when he walks it with his father? No, because his father’s hand is locked in his. The presence of his father dismisses all his fears. So, when we are in the hands of our heavenly Father we need not fear. He who holds up worlds can surely protect us; and He has

pledged Himself to do so, if we fully trust ourselves to Him.

Nothing to Fear

For the believer, there is nothing to fear when one dies. For the unsaved, there is much to be afraid of. Are you absolutely sure you are saved and going to Heaven one day?

Here is what the Bible says one must do to have the assurance of Heaven:

Know that you are a sinner:

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” Romans 3:23 *Also: Rom. 5:12*

Hell is the payment for all that have sinned.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” Romans 5:12

BUT, there is good news! Jesus’ death on the cross is the payment for the sins of all that call upon Him for salvation!

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Romans 10:9

**“THE WAGES OF SIN IS
DEATH. THERE IS NO
MINIMUM WAGE!”**