

Brochure 4:

# Dying with Jesus



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# Why we must die?

Death and suffering are everywhere. We have ongoing reports of terrible events in the news. In our immediate neighbourhood as well, among our colleagues, at school or university, we repeatedly hear of fearful destinies, some with a fatal outcome. What happens to people who are terminally ill? People generally don't want to die. They hang onto life. Death is swept under the carpet. The youth culture is prevalent. But we must be prepared to face death one day. Are we prepared for this – or do we suppress the knowledge of it?

Since the Fall of Adam and Eve in paradise, human beings have been living in sin and are subject to death (Bible, Genesis 2). Since then we have been living in a fallen creation, and must be prepared to cope with all the consequences – like disease, war, disaster and death.

In order to offer us a way out, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, became man and suffered a cruel death on the cross on Golgotha – as a vicarious offering for our sins. If we accept Jesus Christ and acknowledge our guilt, we can put our life right with God again.



# Dying without Jesus – What is the consequence?

So what does it now mean if it is foreseeable that we are going to have to die? Sometimes death is so hasty that it takes us by surprise – it is too late for us to act. What is the state of a person who is not prepared for death? What is the state of a person who has no hope of life after death? How dreadful it must be to have to die without having accepted Jesus Christ, so that what you can finally expect is the Judgment of God and eternal damnation, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13,49-51):

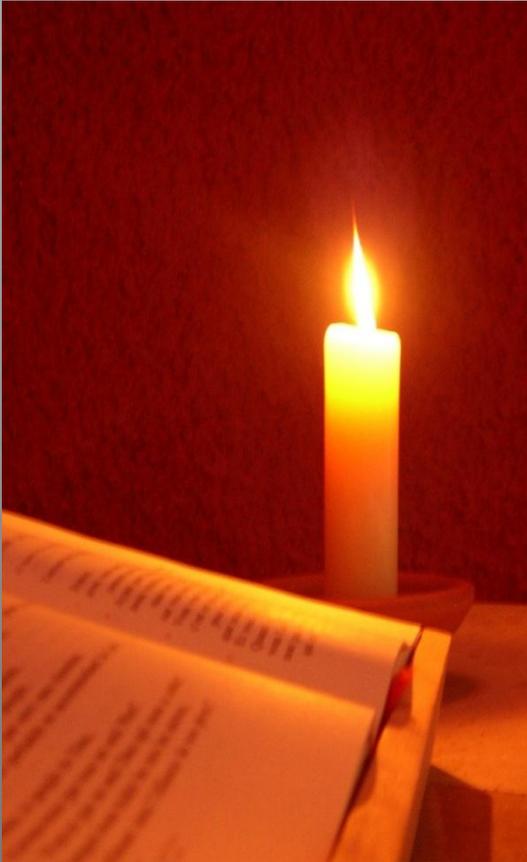
„ So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.“

In the agony of death, people will hang onto their lives with desperation – and in the end that isn't going to help them. Please accept the offer of Jesus Christ, who wants to save you from the Judgment of God and give you Eternal Life!



# Dying with Jesus I

If we belong to Jesus Christ, i.e. if we have handed over our lives to him, so that he takes control of our lives, we will have an intensive relationship with him in this life. The Holy Spirit lives in us. We pray to Jesus, and spend quiet time in his presence when we study his Word, the Scriptures. We will lay before him all the questions of our everyday life and all our important decisions. Christ lives in us. And if we live with Jesus during our lives, he will also be with us when we die. There is no difference, because Jesus has conquered death. As the apostle Paul says:



ROMANS 14,7-9: „ For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.“

This intensive relationship that we have with Jesus while we are alive will not stop in the hour of our death. The trust we have placed in Jesus will prove its effectiveness in the hour of our death as well. Jesus is with us in the hour of our death. He has conquered death, and so we do not need to be afraid when we come to die. He is the lord of life and death. In this hour you will be particularly aware of the Lord Jesus. If you still have strength, call on him, and he will help you. Perhaps in the process of dying you may already see the glory that is invisible to people on this side of death. For believing Christians, death is a transition from this world to a future with God and Jesus Christ for all eternity. So do not be afraid of dying. Jesus is with you. We can take all our worries and anxieties about death to Jesus Christ. He will comfort and help us with the Holy Spirit. Trust him!

# DYING WITH JESUS II



The apostle Paul writes:

Phil. 1,21: “For to me to live [is] Christ, and to die [is] gain.”

Why does the apostle Paul say this?

In our life here, our faith is a partial knowledge. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13,12:

“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

When we reach heaven, we will see Jesus in his glory. It will no longer be a matter of beholding in a glass darkly. There will be no sin any more. God will wipe away all tears from your eyes. There will be no more death, no suffering, no cries of anguish and no pain (see Revelation 21, 1-5). We have a glorious future to look forward to. Let us embrace it with enthusiasm!

The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 2,9:

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

We should learn to let go of life while we are still alive. In Luke 9,23-25 we read:

“And he said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away ? “

We should not cling to earthly life. Our gaze should be fixed on Jesus and our future life in heaven. We can praise and glorify the Lord Jesus, and thank him that we no longer need to be afraid of dying. Even after death, we actually have a glorious future awaiting us! So that is why, as long as we live, we will wish to serve and follow the Lord Jesus.

Hebrews 12,28:

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

# Further Information

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