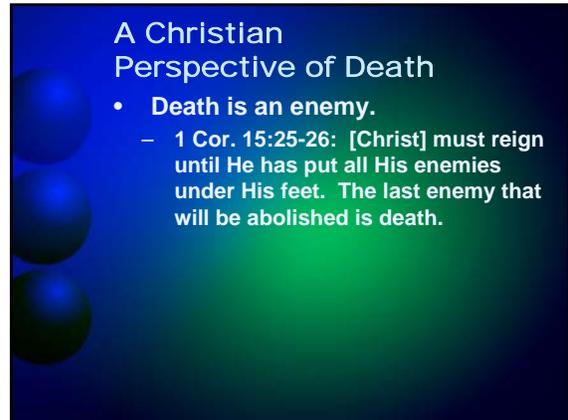


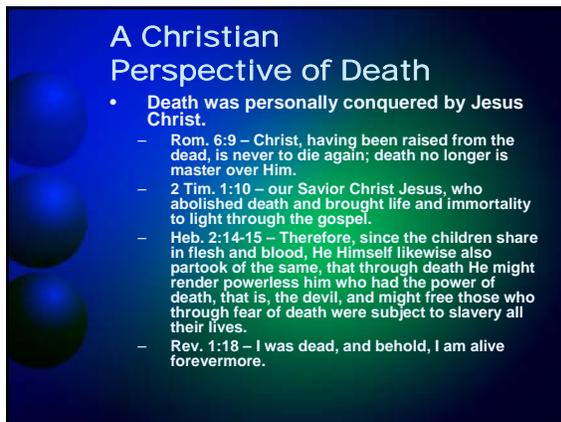
## No Fear

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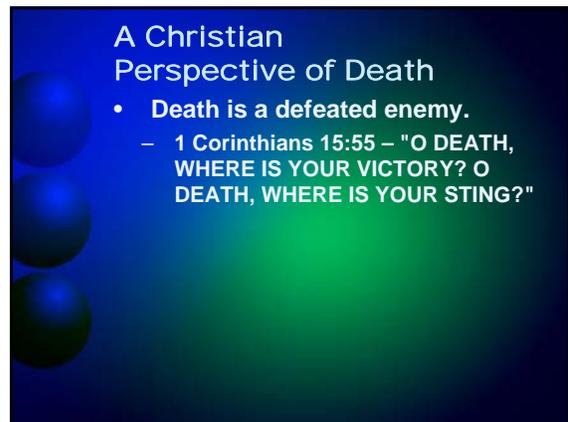
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- Death is an enemy.
  - 1 Cor. 15:25-26: [Christ] must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death.



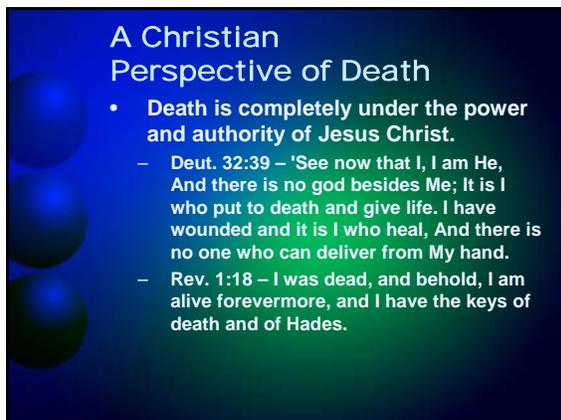
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- Death was personally conquered by Jesus Christ.
  - Rom. 6:9 – Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.
  - 2 Tim. 1:10 – our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
  - Heb. 2:14-15 – Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
  - Rev. 1:18 – I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.



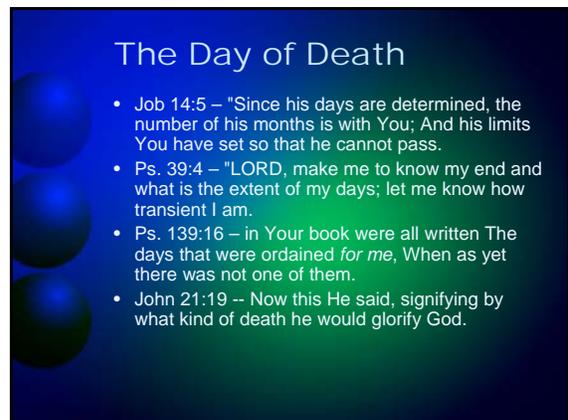
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- Death is a defeated enemy.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:55 – "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"



## A Christian Perspective of Death

- Death is completely under the power and authority of Jesus Christ.
  - Deut. 32:39 – "See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.
  - Rev. 1:18 – I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.



## The Day of Death

- Job 14:5 – "Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with You; And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.
- Ps. 39:4 – "LORD, make me to know my end and what is the extent of my days; let me know how transient I am.
- Ps. 139:16 – in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.
- John 21:19 – Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.

## A Christian Perspective of Death

- Death itself will one day be destroyed by Christ.
  - 1 Cor. 15:26 – The last enemy that will be abolished is death.
  - Luke 20:36 – they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.
  - Rev. 21:4 – He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

## A Biblical Response to Death

- An Unbeliever's Death
  - Sorrow
    - Rom. 9:1-3
  - Appreciation of the positive virtues
    - 2 Sam. 1:19-25

## A Biblical Response to Death

- Another Believer's Death
  - Genuine grief, but not without hope
    - 2 Sam. 1:11-27 – David's grief over Jonathan
    - John 11:35 – Jesus wept.
    - Acts 8:2 – Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.
    - Acts 20:37-38 – they *began* to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him, 38 grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they would not see his face again.
    - Phil. 2:27 – [Epaphroditus] was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.
    - 1 Th. 4:13 – we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

## A Biblical Response to Death

- Another Believer's Death
  - Joy
    - Ps. 116:15 – Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly ones.
    - 1 Cor. 15:55-57 – "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
    - Rev. 14:13 – I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

## A Biblical Response to Death

- Another Believer's Death
  - Worship
    - 2 Sam. 12:20 – David arose from the ground, washed, anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and worshiped.
    - Job 1:20-21 – Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. 21 He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."

## A Biblical Response to Death

- The Thought of Our Own Death
  - Desire the outcome or results of death.
    - 2 Cor. 5:8 – we ... prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.
    - Phil. 1:21 – For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
    - Phil. 1:22-23 – if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better.

## A Biblical Response to Death

- Our Own Death
  - Be confident that God's love will transcend death.
    - Rom. 8:38-39 – I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
  - Be confident that God's presence will be with you through death.
    - Ps. 23:4 – Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

## A Biblical Response to Death

- Our Own Death
  - Let it be a motive to...
    - Diligence in life
      - Eccl. 9:10 – Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with *all* your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.
      - John 9:4 – "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work."
    - Steadfastness
      - 1 Cor. 15:58 – Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord.

## A Biblical Response to Death

- Our Own Death
  - See our death as an opportunity to exalt Jesus Christ.
    - Phil. 1:20 – according to my earnest expectation and hope, that ... Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.
    - Be faithful to Him even in the face of death.

## Faithful Unto Death

- Dan. 6:10 – Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem) and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.
- Acts 5:29 – Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."
- Acts 20:24 – "I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God."
- Acts 21:13 – Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."
- Hab. 11:35 – others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection.
- Rev. 2:10 [to the church in Smyrna] – "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."
- Rev. 12:11 – they did not love their life even when faced with death.

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