



DON'T BE AFRAID JUST BELIEVE

Jesus ... told the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid! Just believe."

Mark 5:36

DON'T BE AFRAID, JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT DEATH

➤ 4 TRUTHS THAT GOD CALLS ME TO BELIEVE ABOUT MY DEATH

1. MY DEATH IS _____.

- My Death is _____.

No one can escape the power of death and the grave. Psalms 89:48 (CEV)

Soon he will send me home to the world of the dead, where we all must go.

Job 30:23 (CEV)

- My Life is _____.

You're nothing but a wisp of fog, catching a brief bit of sun before disappearing. James 4:14b (MP)

My days go by more quickly than a runner. They sprint away... ²⁶They pass by quickly like boats made from reeds, like an eagle swooping down on its prey. Job 9:25, 26 (GW)

Seventy years is all we have--- eighty years, if we are strong; yet they bring us in trouble and sorrow; life is soon over, and we are gone. Genesis 12:2 (TLB)

2. MY DEATH IS A _____.

Everyone has to die once, then face the consequences. Hebrews 9:27 (MP)

- It will be a portal to _____ or to _____.

"There was a rich man ... Every day was like a party to him. ²⁰ There was also a beggar named Lazarus... ²² "One day the beggar died, and the angels carried him to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ He went to Hades, where he was constantly tortured... ²⁴ He yelled, 'Father Abraham! Have mercy on me! ...I am suffering in this fire.' ²⁵ "Abraham replied, 'Remember, my child, that you had a life filled with good times, while Lazarus' life was filled with misery. Now Lazarus has peace..., while you suffer." Luke 16:22-25 (GW)

*I heard a voice out of Heaven, "Write this: Blessed are those who die in the Master from now on; how blessed to die that way!" "Yes," says the Spirit, "and blessed rest from their hard, hard work. None of what they've done is wasted; God blesses them for it all in the end." **Revelation 14:13** (MP)*

*...as surely as I, the Sovereign LORD, am the living God, I do not enjoy seeing a sinner die. **Ezekiel 33:11** (TEV)*

3. MY DEATH SHOULD _____ MY LIFE.

Teach us to number each of our days so that we may grow in wisdom.

Psalms 90:12 (GW)

*The minds of wise people think about funerals, but the minds of fools think about banquets. **Ecclesiastes 7:4** (GW)*

*What good can it do a man to gain the whole world at the price of his own soul? **Mark 8:36** (Phillips)*

*Remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear during your time as "foreigners in the land." **1 Peter 1:17** (NLT)*

4. CHRIST DIED TO _____ FROM MY FEAR OF DEATH.

*Since the children are made of flesh and blood, it's logical that the Savior took on flesh and blood in order to rescue them by his death. By embracing death, taking it into himself, he destroyed the Devil's hold on death and freed all who cower through life, scared to death of death. **Hebrews 2:14, 15** (MP)*

*Who got the last word, oh, Death? Oh, Death, who's afraid of you now? ⁵⁶ It was sin that made death so frightening and law-code guilt that gave sin its leverage, its destructive power. ⁵⁷ But now in a single victorious stroke of Life, all three--sin, guilt, death--are gone, the gift of our Master, Jesus Christ. Thank God! **1 Corinthians 15:55-57** (MP)*

*...should we keep on sinning so God can show us more and more wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in His death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵ Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. **Romans 6:1-6** (NLT)*

- **Born _____, Die Twice. Born _____, Die Once.**