The bible tells us many wonderful things about the death of Christian. The problems are that we think of death as the end. Many see death as a monster that cuts off our joy and comes to ruin our happiness But, death for the Christian really is a wonderful thing.

## Our services here are really for the living.

There are no words that we can say, or songs that we can sing that can truly pay a tribute to the one we loved so dear.

Only the WORD OF GOD has the power to comfort our hearts during times like these.

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Psalm 116:1-9 I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

- <sup>2</sup> Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
- <sup>3</sup> The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup> Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
- <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.
- <sup>7</sup> Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
- <sup>8</sup> For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
- <sup>9</sup> I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

## Psalm 116:9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

- <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and <u>I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.</u>

## So death to the Christian is a day to rejoice because: WHY

- 1. **WE GAIN FREEDOM** from all the aches, pains, sufferings, heartaches, problems, troubles and woes of this world.
- 2. **WE GAIN FELLOWSHIP** with loved ones who have gone on before us, reunions with families and relationship with God that we could only have hoped for until that moment in time when we say HIM FACE TO FACE
- WE GAIN FULLNESS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Things that we could not understand down here, now make perfect sense to us up there.

**On that day**, we will sit down beside Jesus our Saviour, and all will be shown and explained to us.

Then we will understand. All our questions will be answered.

1. Death is certain for all of us.

Heb 9:24 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

- **2. There is only one way** to truly prepare for this moment and that is through the saving blood of Jesus Christ.
- John 14:6 Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

## Romans 10:9-13

- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- <sup>11</sup> For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- <sup>13</sup> For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Our prayer is that you too will find comfort in the words of Jesus Christ. And that you will find your peace through His saving grace.

May we pra	y and ask Go	d to use	us to	impact so	many li	ives
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This is not the end but the beginning of everlasting life.

Ask the Holy Spirit to comfort your hearts and to give you strength in the days to come.

May we always remember these words:

Psa 23:6 .and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2 Corinthians 5:1-6 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

<sup>3</sup> If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

<sup>4</sup> For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

<sup>5</sup> Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

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