

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q84 Shall all men die?

A. Death being threatened as the wages of sin, it is appointed unto all men once to die; for that all have sinned.

The Nature of Death

Consider the following Statistics (2001):

Every year – _____ people die	Every hour – almost _____ people die
Every month – _____ people die	Every minute – _____ people die
Every day – _____ people die	Every breath (you breathe about once every six seconds) – _____ people die

1. What is the common conception of death when it comes to the unbeliever? What explanations do you regularly hear?

2. What is the common conception of death when it comes to many believers?

3. How do these ideas square with the teaching of the Bible?

Genesis 2:15	Romans 5:12	Romans 6:23
Ephesians 2:1-3	Revelation 21:8	

Death is P_____. Death is the P_____ for sin. S_____ death => P_____ death => the S_____ death. Death is not then a cessation of existence. It is a bereavement of all that is good and an infliction of all that is terrible.

4. But how are we to understand death in its relationship to the Christian?

1 Corinthians 15:3,4,21-26	John 11:25-26	Hebrews 2:14-15
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5. Then why do Christians still die?

Death is the consequence of sin. But what of pain, suffering, trial, toil, affliction, sickness, and loss. Surely these too are the consequence of sin. Why does the Christian still experience these?

Romans 8:28	Hebrews 12:5-11
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6. But how does God cause death to do this for the believer?

1 Corinthians 15:55-57	Revelation 14:13	Isaiah 57:1-2
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7. Are you prepared for death?