

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8 KJV

God is always where you are. There is nowhere He is not. *"Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in Hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy Hand lead me, and Thy Right Hand shall hold me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me!' even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee."*

Natural senses cannot perceive the supernatural. Like the wind, men may feel and observe its effects, but never its cause. When a soul leaves its body in death, it then sees eternity whether believed in or not; Hell for the unbeliever and God's Presence for the believer! Some even glimpse their destiny as they exit! Believers need no angelic ride to Glory. God is ever present at the deathbeds of His saints, because *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."* Dad had been comatose since the prior week, and we were not present when he died, but the attending nurse told us this: "He suddenly opened his eyes, sat up, reached out as if to take someone's hand, and then his body fell back into the bed and his vitals ceased to function." My Dad walked away with God Himself! Dear Believer, you need not fret over your departure from earth for it is but the portal to God! His Word tells us, *"In Thy Presence is fulness of joy; at Thy Right Hand there are pleasures for evermore."* Believers will step into the glorious Light of omnipotent Majesty as the body falls away to never again cloud or bind the soul in the clutches of sin! Pure Joy will engulf the soul and wonder will awe the senses as praise springs spontaneously to the lips! It is not a doorway to darkness but a portal to infinite Light for *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me"* As death claims the believer's body, Christ receives the believer from its shadow into everlasting Life! Death's shadow will fade to never return!



What a day that will be! When my Jesus I shall see,
When I look upon His Face, the One who saved me by His Grace,
When He takes me by the hand and leads me through the Promised Land,
What a day, glorious day, that will be! ~Author Unknown

Believer's saved loved ones peacefully wait to greet them! Believers *"which are alive and remain...shall be...absent from the body...present with the Lord...comfort one another with these words."* Souls do not return from eternity. *"It is appointed unto men once to die [and] after this the Judgment."* Ghosts, apparitions, and revelations from the "dead" are only demons deceiving gullible and wicked men which *"seek a sign."* They insert fiery darts of wicked thoughts and images into willing minds and manipulate the physical realm to lend their lies credence! If you trust in human feelings or experiences for eternal life you are deceived and doomed! *"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...neither can he know them."* Salvation is about KNOWING, NOT FEELING OR SEEING! *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; THAT YE MAY KNOW that ye have eternal life."* You must step beyond the temporal through faith in God's Word alone to SEE the eternal God! Trust God's Word. Don't THINK or FEEL you are saved – KNOW!

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot (know) not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better." Philippians 1:21-23 KJV