1Thess #90

The second death is for Unbelievers!

We will open in John chapter 14 today. What we will begin with today is to put a finishing touch on the last lesson – the principle of physical death.

Then we will cover the last two points of the second death and the sin unto death.

Physical Death means being face to face with the Lord, it means you have finally arrived into the resurrection life. This is a victory not a loss!

/2Cor 5:8 but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be **absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord**.

Not only does physical death put us face to face with the Lord - this verse also implies an interim body which leads to your eternal resurrection body. \

Physical Death means the end of pain, confusion and misery;

/Rev 21:4 and **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.”

Even loser Believers who die the sin unto death have a perfect environment and body, they don’t lose anything until the Rapture. \

At the Bema Seat judgement of Christ, the loser Bel will find out what they could’ve had and what they ended up with for all of eternity.

Yet they will be in heaven for eternity!

Physical Death means an eternal inheritance, the Bel will finally inherit everything that was promised to them;

/1Pet 1:4 **to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven** for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation **ready to be revealed in *the* last time**.\

Now in John chapter 14 what many people forget is this is directly after the Last supper, and just when Jesus had told Peter that he would betray HIM 3 times when the Rooster crows.

In fact, it is all the same speech flowing directly from the end of chapter 13 into the first few verses of chapter 14.

It is Jesus speaking about failure after salvation – Jesus was doing what HE always does, give the solution before the problem…give the answer before the question.

Physical Death means a new home, a new heavenly dwelling that is beyond human imagination, it wipes out the guilt and shame of failure in the temporal;

Jhn 14:1“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

These are the words of Jesus Christ which is a strong way to end the teaching on physical death today.

/[Jhn 14:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/14/2/s_1011002) “**In My Father’s house**(*oikia*) **are many rooms;** if *that* were not *so,* I would have told you, because **I am going *there* to prepare a place for you**.

This Greek noun used for a family dwelling, a place of comfort. There is a strong plural sense that Jesus is saying it has many rooms or homes – dwellings. \

OH-KIA, meant a dwelling within a family unit, it spoke to the comfort of living in a place of safety, prestige among family.

Even with failures and struggles all Bels are going to a place of comfort and family dwelling for all of eternity.

Jesus is the only source of truth and we should never doubt that!

/[Jhn 14:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/14/3/s_1011003) “And if I go and **prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself**, so that where I am, *there* you also will be.

The place of preparation is the 3rd heaven to rest in the interim bodies. Jesus is clearly stating I WILL PHYSICALLY COME BACK TO GET YOU - Rapture.\

Keep in mind the teaching of the Rapture two thousand years ago, is the same as today – it is imminent!

The rapture is the return of Christ in the clouds of the air to gather up HIS bride.

The 2nd advent is a physical return to earth to remain on the earthly throne for 1,000 years.

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[Jhn 14:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/14/4/s_1011004) “And you know the way where I am going.”

[Jhn 14:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/14/5/s_1011005) Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?”

The Apostle Thomas was not stupid, he just had not fully grasp all the teaching he heard for 3 years. Also, TLJC would return in a resurrected ministry to teach deeper principles related to mystery doctrine for forty days, very soon after this – 3 days later in fact.

/[Jhn 14:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/14/6/s_1011006) Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life**; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

All truth, salvation and power is within ME, was the reminder Jesus had emphasized.\

In other words, remember the basic teaching fellas!

With salvation you are rescued from the second death – which is separation from God.

The study of the Second Death is seen in scriptures like;

/Rev 2:11 ‘The one who has an ear, let him hear what the **Spirit says to the churches**. **The one who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death**.’

Churches (PLURAL) – the main focus is to overcome the lies and counterfeits and come to believe upon The Lord Jesus Christ! \

/The second death is for Unbels only. It is the final judgment of those who reject Jesus Christ as the only Saviour. It is everlasting separation from God and the final judgment is everlasting life in the lake of fire. It is part of the second resurrection. It occurs at the end of the Gog revolution (final rebellion for eternity) at the end of the Millennium. It is the Great White Throne Judgement.\

/Heb 9:27 And just as it is destined for people **to die once**, and **after this *comes* judgment,** 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear **a second time for salvation** without *reference to* sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

Everyone dies once physically then the next phase is judgement. Judgment for what the Bel did after salvation. Or judgment for the Unbel who stood upon their own righteousness. \

Jump over to Revelation chapter twenty.

One judgement will deliver crowns, blessings and rewards - the other will deliver everlasting misery.

It states that TLJC returns for salvation not related to sin, but to save HIS people at the battle of Armageddon.

Notice something which aligns with our geo-political climate today. The battle of Armageddon and then the Gog revolution at the end of the 1,000 years of peace – seem to have two powerful armies GOG and MAGOG, that by all accounts, probably represent larges swaths of real estate from China and Russia.

Just some food for thought in relation to current day conflicts!

/Rev 20:11 Then **I saw a great white throne**and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them.

This means the earth and space or heavens, as we know it has shifted into eternal mode. This is the end of any time or earthly dwelling as we may recognize it today. \

This will be a spectacle like nothing else anyone… angel or human has ever seen.

The Rapture of the church and the Bema Seat Judgment are private matters between Christ and HIS bride.

Because directly after the Bema Seat Judgment we go into our wedding celebration. (7 years)

The Great White Throne Judgment is laid open and bare for all eyes to witness.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

Not according to sins – sins were paid for on the Cross of Jesus Christ.

The BOOKS – plural is reference to evidence of the guilty. Lies, counterfeits, works of the flesh… self-righteousness, all accumulated in the divine record section of heaven.

Yes… God has a type of record system that is written about within the bible, so I would warn of the seriousness of these books.

[Rev 20:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/20/13/s_1187013) And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and they were judged, each one *of them* according to their deeds.

This speaks to not only all Unbels but demonic forces and fallen angels are involved in the final judgment.

Death and Hades are mentioned as holding cells or holding patterns for fallen angels, demonic forces and Unbels.

I believe this will be a long, drawn-out judicial process that will be the greatest vindication of justice and righteousness the universe will ever see.

The purity of GOD will be so bright that every lie or counterfeit and works of the flesh will shrink it is presence.

/[Rev 20:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/20/14/s_1187014) Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **This is the second death, the lake of fire**. 15And if anyone’s **name was not found written in the book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Names of Unbels have been blotted out of the book of life which is an inventory of names of Bels entering eternity.\

Each Unbeliever is judged according to his good deeds which add up to unrighteousness.

/The Unbeliever is cast into the lake of fire because of rejection of Christ. He is not judged for personal sins since these were already judged on the cross. The Unbel will stand on what they believe was good enough to get them into heaven – that will be what they try to hold up against the righteousness of Christ. \

 Go over to the OT – the prophet Jeremiah chapter nine RF.

Let us close today with the principles concerning - The Sin unto Death.

/This refers to the manner of death for a Believer who rejects the justice system of God and made a choice to live in the cosmic system. It is dying a physical death of true suffering, agony and usually humiliation. King Saul, Samson, Ananias and Sapphira are some examples of dying the sin unto death for the Believer;

Judg 16:23-30, 1Sam 31:4, Act 5:1-11 \

There are some other examples that fall under the study of the Exodus generation as well as some of the books of the prophets. But these 4 are often held up as examples of the Sin Unto Death.

It usually is an example of the Bel being brought home early or in a fashion that leaves an undeniable example of what not to do in the plan of GOD.

/Military disaster is a part of the sin unto death, this occurs when chosen leaders have separated themselves and their governance from the plan of God. When false gods/idols and the little god of self, become the priority and those in leadership promote this. Then the Bels under their authority follow that lead, the result is a nation or society under the Sin Unto Death;

1Jn 5:16-21, Jer 9:13-16, Jer 44:12. \

Historically within the USA we have seen this on smaller scales inside cities or states that have developed arrogance toward the principles of God.

Sometimes the only protection for a family, a city or a whole nation is a small group of positive Bels.

The remnant or positive pivot, makes a huge difference yet often they go unnoticed.

Remember the CA is the dispensation of invisible heroes.

/Jer 9:13 The LORD said, “**Because they have abandoned My Law which I put before them**, and have **not obeyed My voice nor walked** according to it, 14 but have followed the **stubbornness of their heart and the Baals**, as their fathers taught them,”

The two key factors are a blatant neglect of the WORD of God and the worship of demonic forces (idols). \

Any Bel or group of Bels that embark on a journey away from BD and accepting false gods, are inviting self-induced misery into their life, usually followed by divine discipline.

Divine discipline ignored… leads to the Sin unto Death.

God is long suffering and the majority of the time the Sin unto Death takes place after a long period of rejecting God.

Yet I will tell you, there is a dangerous arrogance in testing God’s limits and thinking you can extend periods of evil and sin with no consequences.

/[Jer 9:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jer/9/15/s_754015) therefore this is what the LORD of armies, the God of Israel says: “Behold, **I will feed this people wormwood** (*laʿănâ*); **and I will give them poisoned water to drink**.

Wormwood (hemlock), bitterness in the realm of justice, the realm of financial and a mental curse. Poisoning of an environment or body. \

LAH-AH-NAH, meaning a curse of bitterness both spiritually and physically as well as mentally.

Wormwood could represent evil, a curse and even death in the ancient world.

God is the one who allows evil leadership over HIS people and HE does so under the principle of reaping what we sow.

God gives a person over to that which they lustfully pursue.

[Jer 9:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jer/9/16/s_754016) “I will also scatter them among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the sword after them until I have put an end to them.”

The sword always represented military power.

Depression, famine, and criminal violence is a part of the sin unto death as well.

/Phil 3:18 For **many walk**, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even as I weep, *that they* ***are* the enemies of the cross of Christ,** 19 whose **end is destruction, whose god is their appetite,** and *whose* glory is in their shame, who have their minds on earthly things.

Sadly, Bels can live like enemies of the Cross of Christ by their own lifestyle choices of evil and rejecting BD. \

Sometimes *Lukewarm* describes the sin unto death as a Believer;

/Rev 3:15 ‘I know your deeds, **that you are neither cold nor hot**; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 ‘So **because you are lukewarm,** and neither hot nor cold, **I will vomit you out of My mouth**.

The sin unto death is God’s last punishment for the Believer who lives a life minus BD and dwelling in the cosmic system. \