

## Walking Out the Door

This message is only for Christians who are truly born-again. John 3:36 says, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.” It doesn’t say will have, but has right now, and from the very moment he or she received the Holy Spirit by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. One who is born-again is in a non-stop continuum of everlasting life. It doesn’t begin when the body stops functioning, it exists now and forever!

After the heart sends its last surge of blood through the arteries, when the tabernacle in which one has been housed begins its final decent into the dust from which it came, it will be like walking out the door into a glorious new world. It will be like the butterfly finally leaving its cocoon and soaring out into the incredible expanse of the heavens. Nothing of consequence will be lost or missed. All that will disappear is that old, sinful, fearing, pain racked, aching and apprehensive confinement called the body. Good memories and feelings, joys and love will all be intact and even sharpened. But filtered out of the now free soul/spirit will be all of the worldly cares, troubles, sadnesses, angers and anxieties.

As the saved one moves through that last doorway, that narrow passage through which only a few can pass, there will be a greeting of joy from an angelic chorus, and loving congratulations from those souls who arrived earlier. Then, just beyond the congratulators and the angels, will be the Great bema seat judgment. From there it will be our Lord and Savior who will provide the official greeting as the saved one gratefully kneels before Him, receives his or her crowns if any, and then places them at His feet. For here will be the climax of all that is precious and worthwhile when He is heard to say, “well done my good and faithful servant.”

Again, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:” There is no death for those who receive the grace of salvation, for salvation means having been saved from death. This is what Jesus’ death and resurrection already accomplished. At some point, the ones who are “saved” simply walk out of the confinement of the body and into the limitless Godly expanse of eternity without missing a beat. Paul, in 1Corinthians 15:55 exclaims rhetorically with the questions, “O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? There is neither sting nor grave for the saved. Oh, the flesh will stop being a living organism and revert to dust. But even so, God has a file on every genetic code, and one day He will simply recall the numbers and recreate each body as it was at its prime. At His appointed time, He will return each soul/spirit to its original, but then perfect body. However each body will be eternally incorruptible clothed in God’s light as it was with Adam and Eve at the very beginning. Each will be transcendent and multi-dimensional as is He. All will see Him as He is, and will be with Him forever in the New Eden.

So from now on, and especially as you are headed for the “door,” remember the words of the Holy Spirit as recorded in 2Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” This we know, that through faith, we are saved, and through salvation, the need to fear “the door” has been vanquished.