

Teaching: Death	Death – used in Bible 351 times
Wester Meaning	A permanent cessation of all vital body functions (true-for now)) . End of the life of a person (not true)
Christians believe in eternal life	John 17:3 And this is life eternal , that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.
Passing	Christians use the Passing instead of death. We pass from this life to the next.
1st John 2:25	And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life .
	<u>What do Christians Believe:</u>
The Body Fallen Asleep	1st Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.
	We know the body stays here until the churches' rapture. My parents are in the grave up in Pennsylvania, they have not left. Not sure why Jesus is taking the old body since we get new bodies? (Resurrected bodies-made new)
Never see death?	John 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my word, he shall never see death. We may pass into eternity, but not dead.
Soul/Spirit goes to Jesus	2 nd Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
	You are Spirit man, Soul = mind, will and emotions.
	Angels carried my grandmother Nanna away, seen by my aunt.
	<u>Death started after Adam's sin.</u> Death was not God's plan for man!
Genesis 3:19	(God talking to Adam) In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
	<u>First death/murdered</u>
Genesis 4:8	And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
	<u>Will we all see Death???? Can we escape???</u>
Genesis 5:24	Genesis 5:24 and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. Enoch walked with God - constant and familiar communication.
Hebrews 11:5	By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death.
2nd Kings 2:11 Elijah & Elisha	Elijah - And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

	Heard testimonies that others were translated. Certainly Scriptural but unsure
Church Rapture	1st Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. #1, Translated, #2 Chariot, #3 Rapture - other methods?
	<u>Jesus is Lord over Death, Jesus intervenes daily in people's death.</u>
Luke 7:14	And He (Jesus) came up and touched the coffin; And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" Many testimonies on people not being able to get to work on 9/11 twin towers in NYC
	<u>Revelation of Death</u>
Luke 2:26	And it had been revealed unto him (Simon) by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. We have jobs, tasks, purposes to complete, normally we won't go until done.
	Spoken Word through Prophet, God
2nd Kings 20:1	"Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"
Deuteronomy 32:50	(God to Moses) Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and be gathered to your people...
Other Revelations of death (Passing)	Different color flowers, Angelic music, vision/dreams of Heaven, vision of family members passed. Visions where there is communication.
	<u>Suffering in Death - we know there can be suffering in death</u>
Faithfulness in death	Revelation 2:10be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
Revelation 2:10	Do not fear what you are about to suffer. (We can be fearful) Jesus will help us, he will sustain up.
	<u>Jesus (and many wonderful saints) are our example in suffering</u>
Mark 8:31	And He (Jesus) began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things
	<u>Suffering is only Temporary</u>
Psalms 30:5	Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy [comes] in the morning. Renee - I can't take anymore of this!
	<u>Passing precedes Glory and Heaven (My family and loved ones reunion)</u>
John 14:3	(Jesus said) "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; The Glory of Heaven and face to face meeting with Jesus awaits our passing.
	<u>Can't find death during the Tribulation period</u>
Revelation 9:6	And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it;

Pastor William Weaver - cancer, lived three years.

Continued to minister, continued to enjoy life, continued to bless others.

He felt that his longevity with cancer was due to his positive attitude and keeping active

Considered blessed that he was able to talk about his passing with the family

Conclusion: Death

Unless the rapture or God intervening, we are all going to die (Pass)

There might be suffering but it is only for a moment in time and Jesus will help you.

The Glory of Jesus and Heaven awaits us.