



FIRST THESSALONIANS

Brothers and sisters, **we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death**, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NIV)



He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)



**God wants me to understand
what happens when I die**

The obvious truth: we all die.

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And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after
this the judgment,

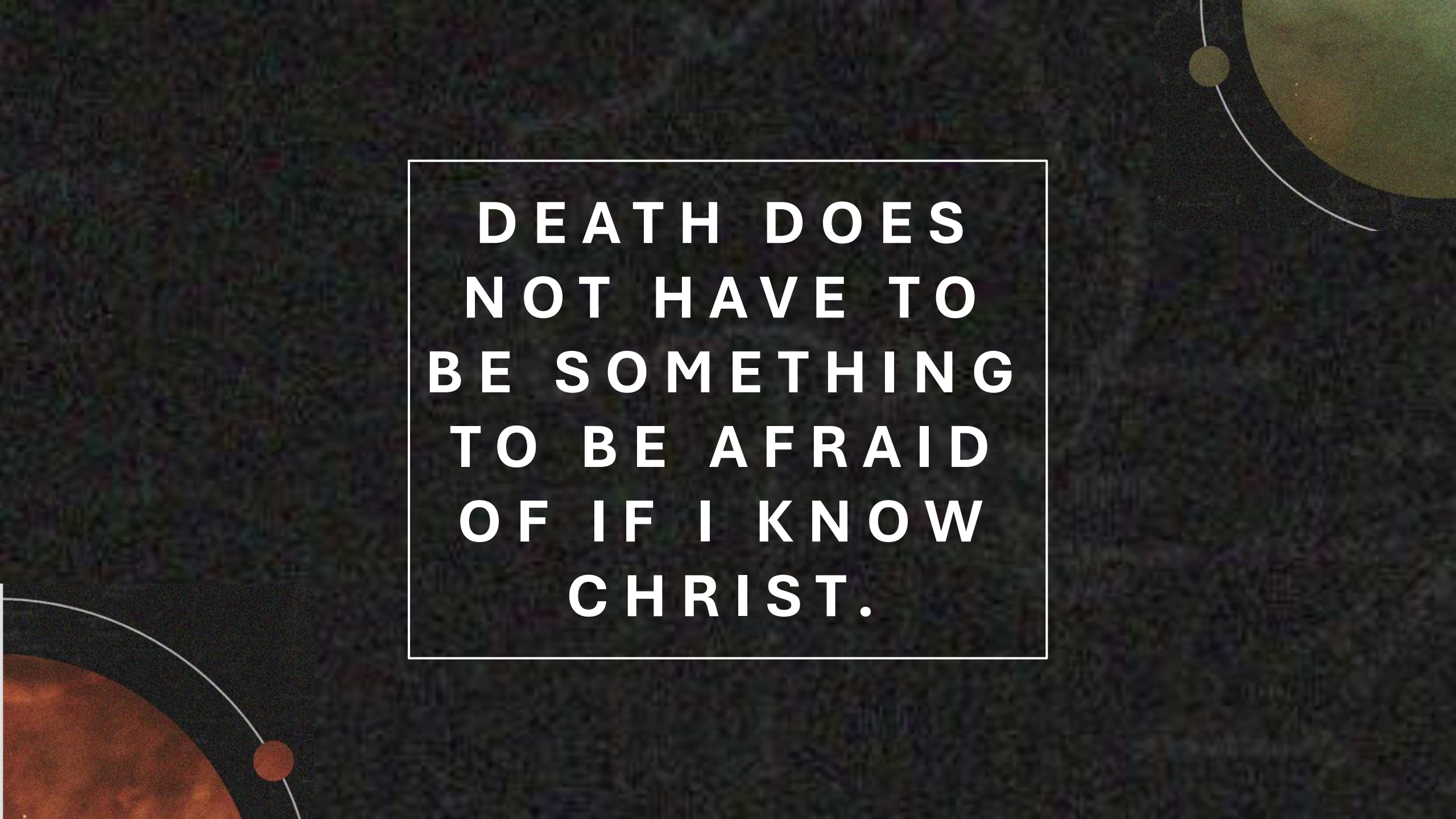
Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)



Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart
of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12 (NIV)



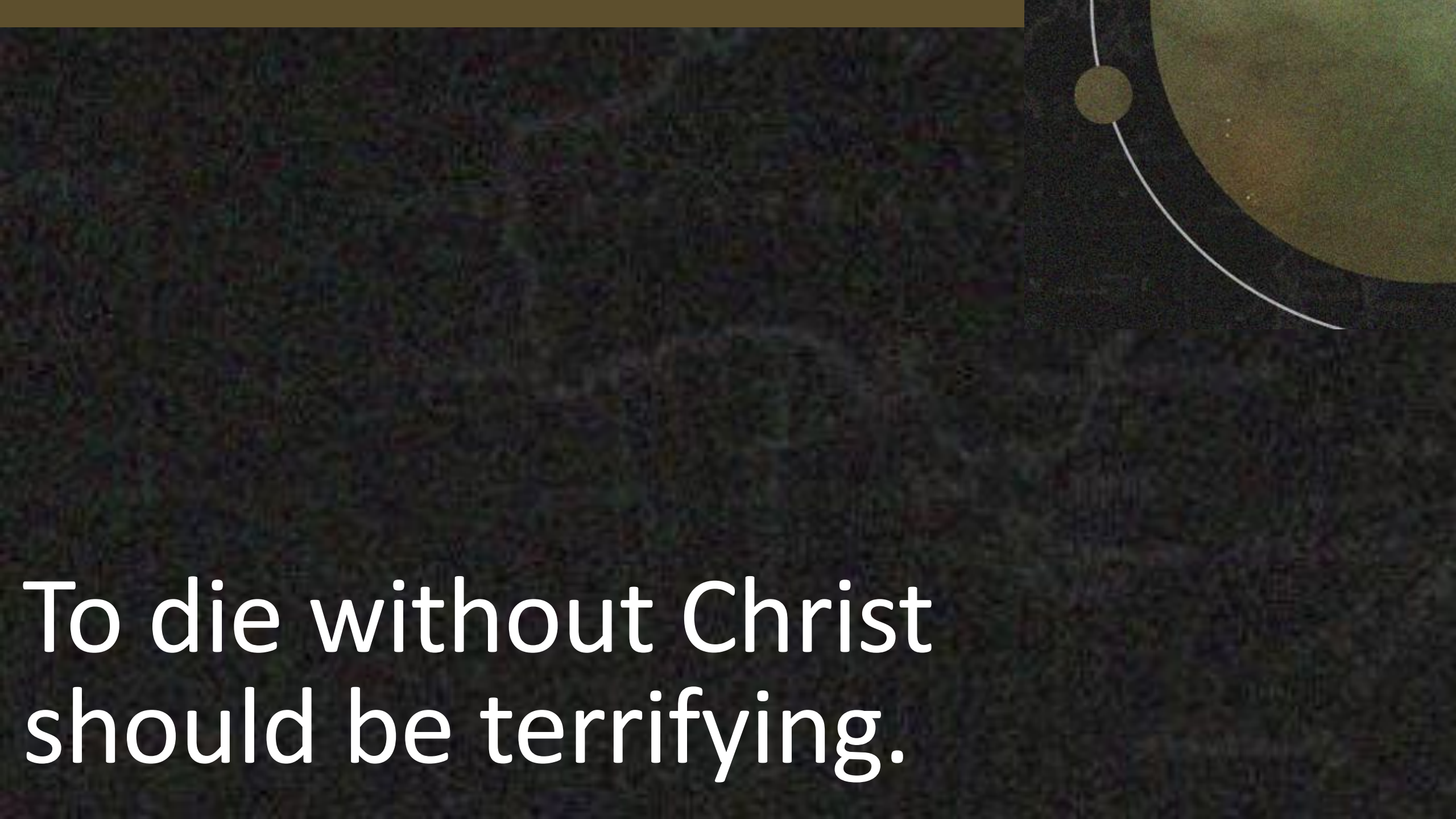
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**DEATH DOES
NOT HAVE TO
BE SOMETHING
TO BE AFRAID
OF IF I KNOW
CHRIST.**

I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me.

Philippians 1:23 (NLT)





To die without Christ
should be terrifying.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

2 Corinthians 5:11 (ESV)



It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living
God.

Hebrews 10:31 (ESV)



What is death?

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You are not this body. You have a soul that is eternal. Your body is just where you temporarily live. Paul describes our body as a tent and explains that death is our soul departing from this tent and going someplace else.

All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to
dust all return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20 (NIV)



and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and
the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 (NIV)



What will happen in my final moments?

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Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; **For You are with me;** Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Psalm 23:4–6 (NKJV)



Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days
of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.

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The Lord is **my** shepherd, I lack nothing.

Psalm 23:1 (NIV)



“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14–15 (NIV)





Psalm 23 does not apply to everyone.

It only applies to those who have made
the Jesus their shepherd/savior.

The moments right after death

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- What will happen in my final moments?

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luke 16:19–23 (NIV)



The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side.

Luke 16:19–23 (NIV)



The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

Luke 16:19–23 (NIV)



Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”

Luke 15:3–4 (NIV)



“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”

Luke 15:8 (NIV)



Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons...

Luke 15:11 (NIV)



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Path 1: I have been saved and Jesus is my Father

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Luke 16:22 (NIV)



Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those
who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 1:14 (NIV)



For he will command his angels concerning you to
guard you in all your ways;

Psalm 91:11 (NIV)



And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God
in them.

1 John 4:16–18 (NIV)



This is how love is made complete among us so that **we will have confidence on the day of judgment**: In this world we are like Jesus.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

1 John 4:16–18 (NIV)



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will
forgive us our sins and purify us from all
unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)



He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is
from the west.

Psalm 103:12 (NLT)



To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to
present you before his glorious presence without fault
and with great joy—

Jude 24–25 (NIV)



Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4–6 (NIV)



He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

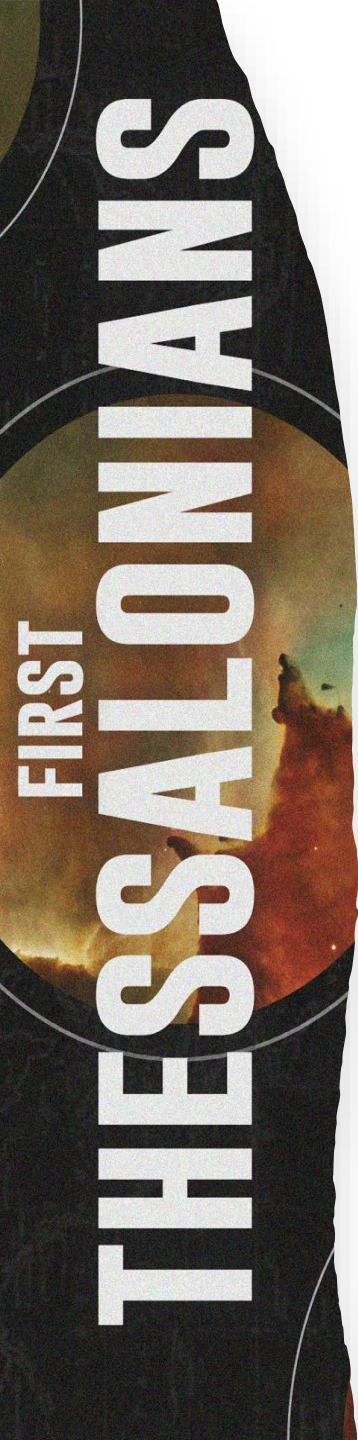
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