

Is Death Ever a Blessing?

The fact that God created humans after millions of generations of creatures lived and died provides us with rich resources of top soil, coal, oil, natural gas, limestone and marble.¹

God's Grace in Spiritual Regeneration Makes Physical Death a Blessing for God's People, Setting Them Free from their Mortal Bodies to Live Forever in Imperishable Bodies Following the Resurrection.²

But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" You fool! That which you sow does not come to life **unless it dies**; and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. (1 Cor 15:35-38)

So also is **the resurrection of the dead**. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. (1 Cor 15:42-44)

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "**DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP** in victory. "**O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?**" (1 Cor 15:50-55)

¹ Hugh Ross and Gleason Archer, "The Day-Age View" in *The G3N3SIS Debate: Three Views of Creation* (ed. David G. Hagopian; Mission Viejo: Crux, 2001), 133.

² Ross and Archer, "Day-Age View," 132.