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DAILY DOCTRINE: Physical Death

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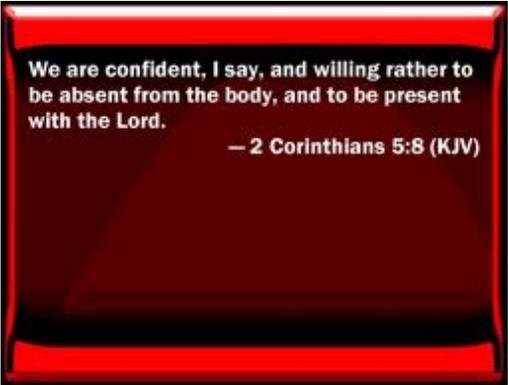
1. In the physical death of the believer the soul and the spirit leave the body and go into the presence of the Lord, 2 Cor. 5:8.
2. In the physical death of the unbeliever the soul leaves the body and goes to Hades (cf. Luke 16:23) to await the last judgment—the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-15).
3. The physical body dissolves, but it will be reconstituted and reunited with the soul and spirit at the resurrection—at the Rapture for believers (1 Thess. 4:14-18) and at the Great White Throne for unbelievers (Rev. 20:13).
4. The believer will receive a glorious resurrection body composed in the material likeness of Jesus Christ, Philip. 3:21.
5. In the interim state (between physical death and resurrection) the believer has an interim body (cf. 2 Cor. 5:3; Matt. 17:3; Rev. 6:9-11) as he or she is before the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in blissful state. However, the interim state is not the final hope. The believer in the interim states continues to wait for the resurrection of his body for completion and service to the Lord in His kingdom. There is no pain or sorrow for the believer in the interim state whereas for the unbeliever there is tremendous anguish (cf. Luke 16:23).
6. The doctrinal believer *knows* that to be absent from the physical body is to be present with the Lord:

2 Corinthians 5:8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Philippians 1:23 But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is **very much better**;

VERY MUCH BETTER! (so says the doctrinal believer, so says divine viewpoint)

Pastor Don



We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

— 2 Corinthians 5:8 (KJV)