



"<u>Neither can they die</u> any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the **children of God**, being the children of the resurrection."

# Children of God will (Never Die)



**Greetings,** We conclude our series titled <u>Children of God</u> as we put a point of exclamation on the fact that Children of God will never die.

**Death is separation**. When we look at the Biblical meaning of the word death, we see that death is a matter of separation. In physical death the soul is separated from the body, and in spiritual death the soul is separated from the spirit of God. While some believe in the concept of annihilationism which states that after physical death a person cease to exist, the Bible teaches no such concept. The Bible teaches that the soul is eternal, because we are created in the image of an eternal God. The choice is truly a binary one, either forever with God, or forever separated from God.

Jesus reconnects us with God. In Genesis, Satan tricked Adam and Eve telling them that if they ate from the forbidden fruit they would not surely die. Although they did not drop dead physically that day, they did die spiritually, and were separated from their once continuous relationship with God. Since Adam and Eve's spiritual death(separation) from God, everyone is born spiritually dead, thus the need to be born again. When we are born again, Jesus reconciles and reconnects us to God the father.

This connection cannot be broken for those who put their faith in Jesus. When the time of our physical death comes, our soul although separated from our body, remains connected to the spirit of God. We see this illustrated as the women were looking for the body of Jesus not knowing he had been resurrected. The angel said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" And when Jesus was trying to explain our resurrection which would follow His, He told the people, "He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living...". Jesus has no dead family members in his heavenly family. While death for the nonbeliever is eternal separation from God; for the believer, entrance into the family of God is continuous fellowship with God that will never be broken. Therefore death for the believer is simply a change in the location of this continuous fellowship with God, because Children of God will never die.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Death for the believer is simply a change in the family address, with no distress to family relations.

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## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for teaching us about children of God in this series. Although I may be peculiar, help me to love and live by faith. Lead me to follow you Jesus and fill me up with your spirit so that I will overcome. And when that day comes of my departure from this world, I am confident that I will never die, and never be separated from you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## Your brother in Christ, WNL

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