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and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

I Corinthians 15:53, 54

Then, when God creates a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1), he will do away with death forever:

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4

And so, beloved, have faith in God. Trust him as he will never lie (Numbers 23:19). Take comfort in his word that he gave us, even in sorrowful times like these.

I hope this little booklet has been helpful to you in your time of loss. May God comfort you with his word.

The End.

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86, of Hunts Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, a winder before she retired in 1974, died in peace Monday night, November 22, 1999, at approximately 8:40 p.m., at the Riverview Nursing Home in Coventry. She was the wife of Herve Bertrand.

Born in Northbridge, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Roseanna (Vazinait) Benoit. Mrs. Bertrand worked at Darlington Fabric, formerly known as Moure Fabric, before she retired.

Ella Bertrand was the loving wife of Herve for 62 years, having been married October 16, 1937. She faithfully cared for her husband who has Parkinson's disease, and her children.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons, Harvey and Michael Bertrand, both of Pawtucket, and Samuel Bertrand of North Attleboro; three daughters, Claire Lopez of West Warwick, Barbara Guyer of Coventry, and June Fontaine of Pawtucket; 21 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday, November 27, and her body was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery on Daggett Avenue in Pawtucket. She is presently with the Lord. She will be missed by all who loved and knew her.

be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

II Corinthians 5:6-8

The spirit of life also returns to the Lord:

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

And so, while the believer's body lay quietly here, be assured the believer is still alive, rejoicing in heaven, as God's Son promised:

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

John 11:25, 26

The End of Death:

One day, when God's plan for mankind is fulfilled, he will abolish death forever. This personally will happen with the resurrection at the last day:

For this corruptible must put on incorruption,

You Can Be Comforted in Knowing Every Believer is With God After Death:

God promised us that nothing would separate us from his love, even death:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39

When a believer in Jesus Christ dies, the believer's soul goes directly to be with the Lord, Paul wrote:

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to

Scriptures to Comfort in Time of DEATH.

Why do our loved ones have to die? The Holy Bible answers this question, and other questions related to death. We feel sorrow of heart for our dear loved ones who die, wondering sometimes if we will ever see them again. For the Christian, the Bible gives us great hope. In this little booklet we hope to present scriptures that will explain death, giving comfort in the process.

What is Death?

Death is separation. The Bible shows death to be either the separation of man from God (spiritual death), or the separation of the ghost (spirit) from the body (physical death). Notice the use of the word in these scriptures regarding physical death:

Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 25:8

And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

Genesis 25:17

And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 35:29

And, at the Crucifixion,

And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

Mark 15:37

Notice in the case of the Old Testament saints how they “were gathered” unto their people at death. Although the soul and spirit separates from the body that dies, the individual lives on.

Death is Universal:

Death comes to all. Death is not something anyone can eliminate from his walk on earth. Both the good person and the evil die. The Bible teaches all will someday die, and then be judged by Jesus Christ:

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

Hebrews 9:27

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:16-18

God loves you and your dear loved ones more than anyone can ever know.

What God Intends Death To Be:

From God’s perspective, the death of his children is the transition from this sinful world of pain and suffering to eternal life with God in Heaven. This is the time the child of God separates from his body, and his soul goes home to be with his Father in Heaven, forever to live in peace and harmony — no more pain, sorrow, suffering, doubt, wrath, or sin! This is why the Psalmist wrote:

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Psalms 116:15

ing all have sinned, and that no one is perfect, God still has understanding and compassion toward us. God does not require perfection before one can receive the free gift of salvation. God offers it freely to all and any who will believe.

God provided the payment for sin: Jesus Christ, and his death, burial, and resurrection. For one to have hope in this life he simply has to believe on Jesus Christ to receive the promise of eternal life. Again, the Apostle Paul wrote:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Romans 10:9-11

The Reason Jesus Came:

Why would God give his only Son to die for sinful mankind? Because God is love. Jesus Christ himself said these words:

**For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:
That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.**

John 5:22, 23

We see here why we must receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

Why We Have Death:

The reason we have death in this world is because of SIN. There are many people we know who live good lives, loving those around them, and seemingly never do anything wrong. God is pleased with the good, but remember that no one is perfect, and *everyone* needs the Saviour. The Apostle Paul wrote in his Epistle to the Romans:

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Sin and death first entered the creation through Adam, when he disobeyed God, and, as a result, sin and death passed upon all men.

Read again what the Apostle Paul wrote:

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:12

Even good people sin, this is why Jesus came and died for us all.

The Remedy for Death is Everlasting Life through Jesus Christ:

Although death is awful, God in the Bible gives us hope through Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus came and died so we can have peace during our life on earth and especially at the time of death. The Gift of God — Jesus Christ — is offered to all who will believe as the payment for all sins. The Bible shows us clearly that salvation is not by works, but by grace through faith. Good works earn us rewards in heaven *after* we have received the free gift. Notice what the Apostle Paul wrote in his Epistle to the Ephesians, in chapter two:

And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1-10

Even though all have sinned, and the wages of sin is death; the gift of God is eternal life. God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). Know-