

WILL YOU BE ONE WHO WILL DIE TWICE?

I would like to share with you how you can know and why. The answer to this can only be found in God's word, the Bible. From that we learn of two deaths:

- **Physical Death** which is a separation of man's spirit and soul from his body.
- **Spiritual Death** which is when man's spirit, soul and body are separated from God.

God's word says "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." [Hebrews 9:27] This speaks of the **physical death** which all men, or mankind, will experience because of sin, "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]

Those who die without Jesus Christ as their Savior will suffer the **Second Death** - separation of body, soul and spirit from God - when they are judged as John says in Revelation: And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. [Revelation 20:12] "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**." [Revelation 20:14]

So then, there is a death you, and all of mankind, will experience by the appointment of God because of sin. Those who will suffer the Second Death will not do so by the appointment of God, but by their own choice not to believe in their heart the gospel of Jesus Christ, God's son, who died for man's sins. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." [John 3:36]

Why? "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." [John 3:16] Man has no choice as to his Physical Death, for God appoints it because of man's sin. But God, out of his love has provided the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay for man's sins. It's man's choice to accept this way of escape or pay for his own sins. Consider then the question God's word asks, "**How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?**" [Hebrews 2:3a]

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:20-21