

voice, said, 'Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.' And having said this, He breathed His last This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain."

James 2:26 -- "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."

Luke 16:22-23 -- "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom."

II Corinthians 5:6-8 -- "Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord--for we walk by faith, not by sight--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 1:21-24 -- "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake."

John 5:26-29 -- "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds, to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment."

I Corinthians 15:26 -- "The last enemy that will be abolished is death."

Revelation 21:4 -- "And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain: the first things have passed away."

2. Development of the doctrine

a. Death is the cessation of life

- (1) Physical death is the cessation of physical life, the cessation of physical activity and processes in the body. This includes cessation of movement, of respiration (breathing), of blood circulation (heartbeat), of metabolism (building up and destruction of protoplasm), and of brain wave activity (as traced by an EKG). This cessation of vital processes results in physical decomposition and decay of the body.