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**Death
the
Grave and Hell**

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Death the Grave and Hell.

Topics.

- Death, hades, and hell.
- Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
- Death, works, and good deeds.

DEATH, HADES, AND HELL

In the book of Revelation, we read:

- **Revelation 6:8:** (ESV) I (John) looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him.

The King James Bible translates the verse in the following way:

- **Revelation 6:8:** (KJV) I (John) looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him.

The King James Bible has Hell, but Hades is the better translation since the word Hell comes from the Greek word (*hades*) which means unseen and refers to the grave as the place of the departed.

We are told the name of the pale horse rider is death, this does not mean that there is a real person named death, in the same way that the previous three riders have been symbolic personifications of a rider on a horse to symbolise a particular-judgment, this rider on the pale horse is a personification that symbolises calamities, misery, great slaughter devastation and widespread destruction, by which death takes multitudes down to the grave.

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BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD

- **Revelation 14:13:** (ESV) And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

This verse gives us an insight into heavens view of the death of the faithful. From God's perspective they are blessed (happy) who die in the Lord, because they can rest from their work and will be rewarded for whatever acts of faith, love, and kindness they have done on earth. In the Scriptures, it is written:

- Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints (i.e., faithful ones). (Psalm 116:15).
- God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints (i.e., faithful ones), as you still do. (Heb. 6:10).

Obviously, there is grief and sorrow at Christian funerals because of the loved ones left behind, and the deep loss and sadness they will have in not being able to share their life with the loved one that has passed on into glory, but such sorrow is also mixed with a sense of underlying comfort and joy because of Scriptures such as the following:

- **1 Peter 2:4:** As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

All who belong to the Kingdom of God know that they will once again see the loved one they have laid to rest in Christ, on that glorious day when he returns in glory to gather the faithful to himself.

DEATH, WORKS, AND GOOD DEEDS

The Spirit says, "blessed are those who rest from their labors, for their deeds (works in KJV) follow them!" (Rev. 14:13). In this context labours, deeds and works embrace:

- Works, done from a principle of faith and love, with a single eye to the glory of God.
- Works of goodness done in faith and in a spirit of humility before God.
- Works done according to God's will.
- Works of kindness done in patience while being mocked or ridiculed for one's faith.
- Works of meekness, kindness, and gentleness show toward those who oppose a believers Christian calling and faith.
- Works involving willpower, time, and effort to overcome sinful habits and wrong behaviour and speech.
- Works done to glorify God and Christ, and works of ministry.
- Works of faith done under antichrist's rage, or under any other enemy of the Gospel.

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Works of goodness and kindness done for a brother and sister in Christ, or to a neighbour (i.e., all those outside of the Christian faith).

It should be mentioned here that as good as all these are, not one of them have power to save anyone to eternal life, only faith in Christ has that power. However, good works outwardly evidence inward faith for all Christians are called to live a godly lifestyle, and those who do good works are not only bringing honour to God and a good testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ, and being a good witness on earth, but are also storing up rewards in heaven.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.
