

Pastor-teacher Don Hargrove

Faith Bible Church (<http://www.fbcweb.org/doctrines.html>)

August 9, 2011



DAILY DOCTRINE

Dying Grace

<http://www.fbcweb.org/Doctrines/Dying-Grace.pdf>

1. See “Doctrine of death” (1-18) at <http://www.fbcweb.org/doctrines.html> (for notes and audio).
2. Dying Grace removes the fear of death: Psalm 23:4, “valley of the shadow of death” refers to threats of death; “I will fear no evil” refers to not fearing death.
3. If it is an instantaneous death, you will have a period just prior to it of great peace and happiness. If it is a period of prolonged dying, there will be a period of great happiness and peace, power, and intensified blessedness as you move into greater occupation with Christ.
4. Dying Grace depends on who and what God is and He provides it for all believers. We do not earn or deserve it, therefore it is not dependent upon how we have lived this life. Positionally all believers are saints—godly ones: Psalm 116:15, “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly ones.”
5. Dying Grace is expressed in Job 5:17-27.
6. Dying Grace promises inner peace, 5:21, 24.
7. Because of Dying Grace, believers can laugh at death (Job 5:22). It is such a blessing to be relaxed about death because you know God has provided Dying Grace.

8. Because of Dying Grace, you are not afraid of doing certain things in life, such as riding in airplanes, holiday traffic, etc., where danger is involved. You have no fear of death because you believe and stand on God's Word. You have complete confidence in the Word of God.
9. No matter what the circumstances may be, the mature believer can be relaxed about death, cf. Philip. 1:20-22.
10. The mature believer is able to live in the reality that the dangerous things in life cannot touch him until the Lord is ready to take him, cf. Job 5:22-24; Psa. 31:15, "my times are in Thy hand."
11. Dying Grace gives comfort to those left behind: Job 5:25, "thy seed" is a reference to loved ones left behind. They are to go right on living.
12. God takes the believer at the right time, Job 5:26. When you die, your time (whether young or old) is full because this is God's time to call you home, Psa. 116:15. In the analogy some corn gets ripe sooner than the rest; IT IS PICKED when it is ripe.
13. God has a purpose for every life, and when God takes a life, whether the person is just a child a year or two old, a young person in the teens or in the twenties, God always takes the life at the right time.
14. When the believer departs, regardless of age, it is a full age.
15. We are commanded to know the Doctrine of Dying Grace "and know thou it for thy good," Job 5:27. Then you are able to say "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:55. The sting has been taken out of death and the grave has been robbed of its victory for the believer who knows Dying Grace.

In Christ Alone,

Pastor Don