

## ***Bible Passages of Comfort at the Death of a Loved One***

(Scriptures from the NIV)

### **What is God's Character Like?**

#### **1 Tim 2:3-4**

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

#### **2 Peter 3:8-9**

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

#### **Rom 8:38-39**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **For the Person Who Is In Christ, Is Death To Be Feared?**

#### **Phil 1:20-23**

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

#### **2 Cor 5:1-10**

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

### **How Can I Be Assured of Going To Heaven?**

#### **Rom 10:9-11**

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

## What Is Heaven Like?

### **Rev 21:1-4**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

## What If I Don't Know That My Loved One Knew Jesus?

### **2 Cor 13:5**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you-unless, of course, you fail the test?

### **Rom 8:28-30**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

## More Passages Of Strength And Comfort

Psalm 23:1-6

Psalm 32:1

Psalm 32:5

Psalm 42:1-2a

Psalm 42:5

Psalm 46:1-3

Psalm 46:10-11

Psalm 91:11-12

Psalm 91:14-16

Psalm 121:1-2

Psalm 121:5-6

Proverbs 3:5-6

Isaiah 40:28-31

Isaiah 41:10

John 3:16

John 11:25-26

John 14:1-3,6

John 15:5

Romans 3:23-24

Romans 8:28

Romans 8:37

Romans 15:13

1 Corinthians 10:13

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

2 Corinthians 4:6

2 Corinthians 5:21

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

2 Corinthians 13:14

Galatians 4:4-7

Ephesians 2:19-22

2 Timothy 4:18

Hebrews 11:1-3

1 Peter 1:3-9

1 Peter 1:18-19

1 Peter 2:9-10

1 Peter 5:7

