

Death

by George Herbert

Death is no longer a fearful and sad event, but a beautiful and glorious transformation, made possible by Christ's death.

Scripture: Psalm 116:15, John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:55, Revelation 21:4

Topics: "Eternal Life", "Victory Over Death"

Description

George Herbert preaches about the transformation of death from a terrifying and grim concept to a beautiful and graceful transition, symbolized by the infusion of blood into death's face after our Savior's sacrifice. He encourages the congregation to view death as a peaceful slumber and to trust in a faithful grave, where we can rest half of what we have, whether in this life or the next.

Transcript

Death, thou wast once an uncouth hideous thing,

Nothing but bones,

The sad effect of sadder grones:

Thy mouth was open, but thou couldst not sing.

For we consider'd thee as at some six

Or ten yeares hence,

After the losse of life and sense,

Flesh being turn'd to dust, and bones to sticks.

We lookt on this side of thee, shooting short;

Where we did finde

The shells of fledg souls left behinde,

Dry dust, which sheds no tears, but may extort.

But since our Saviours death did put some bloud
Into thy face;
Thou art grown fair and full of grace,
Much in request, much sought for, as a good.
For we do now behold thee gay and glad,
As at dooms-day;
When souls shall wear their new aray,
And all thy bones with beautie shall be clad.
Therefore we can go die as sleep, and trust
Half that we have
Unto an honest faithfull grave;
Making our pillows either down, or dust.

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