

## **To What End Did Christ Die, Rise, and Revive? A Love Message unto the Body of Christ**

Christ Jesus died, was buried, arose, and ascended. Each of these steps is a significant area of ministry that the saints need to understand. Let us start first with death. Men typically define death as the cessation of natural bodily functions such as brain activity. As with all things spiritual, a natural depiction of death shows us a glimpse of that which is spiritual, but the natural does not define spiritual. God has to define what death is. When "death" is referenced by God, it does not always mean the same thing at each reference. Neither is each reference of death always negative. Sometimes 'death' means the cessation of natural body functions, sometimes it means being out of the presence of God, and at other times, it may mean the inability for something to influence another (for example: being dead to cares of this life). Death may also be seen as an angel. The angel of death is an enemy who has many ways that he uses to bring destruction to a person in order to bring on the ultimate death, which is eternal separation from God.

Death is also used in God's service. It is part of life -- we die to one stage that we might be revived to a more glorious stage. Death can also be seen as a process. The scripture speaks of us dying daily. This dying refers to the suffering that the creature must undertake in order to satisfy God's requirement that the creature must overcome the enemies (the world, flesh, devil, and death). The person who has overcome death is one who has laid down his life. Recall that Christ Jesus said that "No man taketh [my life] from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." (John 10:18). The overcomer has died to everything that the enemies have brought unto him. This one has been proven as one whom God has placed His stamp upon as His son, and has declared that this one has, in fact, died.

Natural burial is a rite performed to dispose of a body in which the body is descended to a dark place. Again, the natural shows the spiritual. Spiritual burial likewise involves descending to a dark place but not a hole in the ground. While the natural body of Jesus was placed within a tomb, his soul went to hell.

This was part of God's plan, a two-part work.

Part 1: the taint of the soul (the soul that sins shall die) when Jesus was put to the tree it caused him to become a sinner in the eyes of the Father for our benefit (he did not sin himself but was made sin by violating God's commandant that cursed any man who hangs on a tree). God's holiness required that He spare not His own son. Jesus Christ had to endure the pain of separation from the Father until the holiness of God was satisfied.

Part 2: While in hell, Christ did not suffer as an evildoer. His task was to preach unto the souls that were there – to demonstrate what it is to suffer in the Spirit and to await the salvation of the Father.

Natural resurrection means to make some something alive again. Spiritual resurrection occurred when Christ Jesus brought many souls up out of hell. They were mentored by Christ Jesus and blessed to be delivered from the torment of hell. However, those who were raised were not instantly brought to the level of being exalted sons of God, but rather more lowly children of God. They required God's permission and further guidance to move on to perfection.

Natural ascension means to go up. Spiritual ascension is about the multitudes having to be taught to move from being children and raised up to be presented to God as sons. During this ministry, the eyes of the blind are opened, the ears of the deaf hear, the gospel is preached to the poor, the broken hearts are mended, and the acceptable year of the Lord is preached. The ascension ministry is a heavenly work that is being undertaken right now.

Similar to Christ Jesus, Dr. Hunt has died. He has laid down his life for us. He overcame all the enemies. Similar to Christ Jesus, there was a certain amount of suffering that he had to go through in order to satisfy the Father. While Jesus suffered physical death, Dr. Hunt did not suffer physical death because he was promised of God that he would be made in the body. God, in turn, had Dr. Hunt to covenant with us that Dr. Hunt would make us in the body.

Notwithstanding, Dr. Hunt had to die – and die he did. Roughly one year ago the doctors all but pronounced him dead by rendering judgment that his condition was hopeless. They advised him to get his affairs in order because the prospect of recovery was slim according to their reasoned medical opinions.

Dr. Hunt was buried into hell buried into hell within institution of healthcare. He had to do battle with the influences of evil which manifested themselves in the uncaring, arrogant, and selfish attitudes that permeated the healthcare industry. He had to do battle with the doctors, who had openly proclaimed themselves as gods endowed with the power of life or death. Dr. Hunt had to minister unto those souls trapped with the institution of healthcare, and he could not leave (come out) until he had preached unto their spirits and brought deliverance. Accordingly, it was ordained of the Father that Dr. Hunt should go the route of the hospital – a place Dr. Hunt had been free from for 35+ years.

The influences of evil desired that Dr. Hunt should be faced with death in order to prove that he had not overcome the last enemy (death). Candidly, Dr. Hunt testified that when he looked into that cup of what he had to endure, there was no desire on his part to experience it, but his attitude (his heart) proclaimed, not my will, but Thy Will be done, Father. Likewise, we are called to endure experiences that we may initially recoil from, but our testimony must mirror that of Dr. Hunt's that the Father's Will be done. So indeed, Dr. Hunt died, was buried in the hell of the hospital institution, arose, and is now shepherding the masses in the ascension ministry to be brought to perfection. For to this end Dr. Hunt died, rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. This was Jesus Christ's testimony and our testimony, by grace, is the same.