

PRECIOUS TO THE LORD - PSALM 116:15

Death in itself cannot be a theme for rejoicing with God. But death in the case of Believers is another matter. To them, it is not death to die—it is a departure out of this world unto the Father—a being unclothed that we may be clothed! It is a falling asleep—an entrance into the Kingdom.

To the saint death is by no means such a thing as happens unto the unregenerate. And observe where this change lies. It lies mainly in the fact that death is no more the indication of a penalty for sin upon the Believer. One great cardinal Truth of the Gospel is that the sins of Believers were laid upon Christ and were punished upon Christ, and that, consequently, no sin is imputed to the Believer, neither can any be penally visited upon him. His sin was punished in his Substitute. The righteous wrath of God has altogether ceased towards those for whom Christ died. It could not be consistent with justice that the death penalty should be executed upon Christ and then should be again visited upon those for whom Christ was a Substitute. Death, then, does not come to me as a Believer because I deserve it and must be punished by it—it comes so to the ungodly—it is upon them a fit visitation for their iniquities, the beginning of an unending death which shall be their perpetual portion. To the saints the sting of death is gone and the victory of the grave is removed. It is no more a penalty but a privilege to die! It is a Covenant blessing? Paul so esteemed it, for when he said, *"All things are yours, things present or things to come,"* he added, *"or life, or death, all are yours. And you are Christ's and Christ is God's"*—as if the Believer's death came to him among other good and precious things by the way of his being Christ's and Christ being God's. To fall asleep in Jesus is a blessing of the Covenant—it is a Grace to be asked for! *"Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word."*

C H Spurgeon

THE BELIEVER'S HOPE

The Hope of a believer is not some long drawn-out theological statement. The hope of a believer can be summed up in two words, Jesus Christ. *"1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope".* Any more than this is hopeless.

John Chapman

SAM JELLETT

Most people receiving this bulletin will already have heard that our dear sister Sam Jellett, was taken home to eternal glory just over a week ago. It is nearly three years since she was diagnosed with widespread cancer and given very little time to live, but God has been gracious to us in granting her more time with us. She has endured the rigours of various treatments but in recent months her suffering became much harder to bear. Whilst we all, especially her husband Stephen and their children, grieve for our loss, we thank the Lord for taking her and freeing her from the pain and suffering she had endured. We will miss her greatly, not least as the pianist in our services; most weeks I would give her a theme for the message and she would choose the hymns.

Her funeral is currently being arranged; the funeral service will be conducted by us in the main meeting room of Christchurch Baptist Church in Bargates, Christchurch followed by burial at a local cemetery. The date and time is not yet known but will be announced, with more information, as soon as possible. In the Blog that she had been writing from the start <https://purplesams.wordpress.com> you will find a link in the entry for 22nd September (4th paragraph down) to a form to indicate if you would like to attend the funeral.

AJ

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Ephesians 2:3-14

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I Watts

1 Jesus, we bless thy Father's name;
Thy God and ours are both the same,
What heavenly blessings from his throne
Flow down to sinners through his Son!

2 "Christ be my first elect," he said;
Then chose our souls in Christ, our Head,
Before he gave the mountains birth,
Or laid foundations for the earth.

3 Thus did eternal love begin
To raise us up from death and sin;
Our characters were then decreed,
Blameless in love, a holy seed.

4 Predestinated to be sons,
Born by degrees, but chose at once;
A new regenerated race,
To praise the glory of his grace.

5 With Christ, our Lord, we share our part
In the affections of his heart;
Nor shall our souls be thence removed,
Till he forgets his first Beloved.

Prayer

Psalm 116

Prayer

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I Watts

1 There is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

2 There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.

3 O could we make our doubts remove,
These gloomy doubts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love
With unclouded eyes;

4 Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

Sermon

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J Hart

1 A Man there is, a real Man,
With wounds still gaping wide,
From which rich streams of blood once ran,
In hands, and feet, and side.

3 This wondrous Man of whom we tell,
Is true Almighty God;
He bought our souls from death and hell;
The price, his own heart's blood.

4 That human heart he still retains,
Though throned in highest bliss;
And feels each tempted member's pains;
For our affliction's his.

5 Come, then, repenting sinner, come;
Approach with humble faith;
Owe what thou wilt, the total sum
Is cancelled by his death.

6 His blood can cleanse the blackest soul,
And wash our guilt away;
He will present us sound and whole,
In that tremendous day.