

Death: Passing Over as a Christian

Lecture 111-3

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The dying experience for a Christian is not complicated. Scripture tells us exactly what will happen, and how we are expected to respond. However, there is a slight complication in learning what the Lord Jesus Christ wants us to know. It is hidden in His Word, similar to the parables He spoke to His disciples. Do you remember what He gave as the reason for speaking in parables?

Matthew 13:34–35 (KJV 1900)

³⁴ All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: ³⁵ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Mark 4:1–2 (KJV 1900)

And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. ² And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine...

Mark 4:10-13 (KJV 1900)

¹⁰ And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. ¹¹ And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: ¹² That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. ¹³ And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

Also understand:

Proverbs 26:7–9 (KJV 1900)

- ⁷ *The legs of the lame are not equal:
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.*
- ⁸ *As he that bindeth a stone in a sling,
So is he that giveth honour to a fool.*
- ⁹ *As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard,
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.*

There is only one key to understanding the hidden symbology and typology in our life today that are contained within the Word of God. THE HOLY SPIRIT within Christians that have been baptized with Him is a crucial means to that understanding. It is the Holy Spirit that guides our studies and reveals the deeper things in Scripture. So, when non-Christians read the Bible, their eyes understand only the literal words within it, and they handle any deeper things within like fools. But Christians have been given the ability to read literal words and find deeper things and teachings of the LORD God that are hidden from the profane and secular.

Sadly, Christianity has been watered down so much in these times, that there are very few teachers of Scripture that know how to seek those deep teachings of God. All Christians can be strengthened by those important Words, but seldom do they experience them because there just is no one to teach them how to really read the Word of God with the Holy Spirit's help.

Thanks be to God! I have been taught by the Holy Spirit to teach you to see the hidden inside the Word of God. It is the process of passing over in the death of a Christian that we will begin studying that deepness today. Contained within the literal Word of God are important instructions and briefings to what will actually happen when we pass over, and how the Lord Jesus Christ expects for us to handle it. Pray for the Holy Spirit's help in understanding this crucial Scripture instructions and be prepared for any traces of the fear of death to leave your thoughts forevermore.

Creation of the Seas

Genesis 1:6–10 (KJV 1900)

⁶ *And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.* ⁷ *And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.* ⁸ *And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.*

⁹ *And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.* ¹⁰ *And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.*

The LORD God made the firmament from the waters and called it Heaven on the second day of Creation. He gathered the waters under Heaven and let the dry land of Earth appear. Between Earth and Heaven the waters were gathered together, and He called them SEAS! It is the sea that must be passed over between the Earth and Heaven; it is the division that separates both.

Physical Death

Mark 4:35–41 (KJV 1900)

³⁵ And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. ³⁶ And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. ³⁷ And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. ³⁸ And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? ³⁹ And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? ⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

1. The Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples the reason for parables, with the Parable of the Seeds, (Mark 4:3-8) and The Explanation of the Parable of the Seeds (Mark 4:13-32). He wanted the disciples understanding of the underlying meaning of their next experience to be forefront on their minds.
2. That very same day, the Lord told His disciples “Let us pass over unto the other side.”
3. Whenever we see the Words “pass over” or Passover, we are immediately drawn to the memory of the LORD God Passing Over those Israelites houses that had the blood of a lamb painted on their door posts during the carrying out of the last curse for the death of the firstborn against the Pharaoh (Exodus 12).
4. We also remember the Passover remembrance ordained by the LORD God to be celebrated every year (Deuteronomy 16).
5. Those two examples show a critical need for Believers to understand deeply what “pass over” means, and to understand the events that happened in Mark 4:35-41.
6. Literally speaking, pass over speaks of “moving from one shore to another shore over water.”

Other side - 4305 πέραν (*peran*): adv. and prep. (never compounded with verbs); ≡ Str 4008—LN 83.43 **across**, on the opposite side; the region across (Mk 3:8; 4:35; 5:1; 6:45; Lk 8:22; Jn 1:28; 18:1)

Conclusion - 4306 πέρας (*peras*), ατος (*atos*), τό (*to*): n.neu.; ≡ Str 4009—**1.** LN 80.6
limit, end of a space (Mt 12:42; Lk 11:31; Ro 10:18+; Ac 13:33 v.r. NA26); **2.** LN 61.15
conclusion, end of a matter (Heb 6:16+)¹

7. Note the Hebrew word for “other side” is “πέραν (*peran*)” which is “across, on the opposite side; the region across.”
8. Note the Hebrew word “πέρας (*peras*)” as just the end root changes it to “conclusion.”
9. The Lord Jesus Christ took His disciples after sending the multitude away. This journey is just for His disciples.
10. They notice that there are other little ships around them.
11. A great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, and it filled the ship with water.
12. The disciples got scared. Big time. The boat was rocking back and forth severely, and the waves were rushing and beating and splashing and roaring. It was scary, and the disciples reached out to their Lord Jesus Christ who was in the boat with them.
13. They crawled to Jesus in that furious storm. He was asleep on a pillow, unaffected by the buffeting ship. They awoke Him and screamed, “Master, carest thou not that we perish?”
14. Jesus arose up, rebuked the wind and told the sea, “Peace, be still.” The wind ceased and the seas grew calm.
15. Jesus asked his disciples “Why are ye so fearful?” “How is it that you have no faith?”
16. By asking these questions, Jesus lets us know that to be fearful in this situation buffeting winds and furious seas while in a ship, shows A LACK OF FAITH!
17. This experience astounded the disciples and they became EVEN MORE FEARFUL, saying to each other “What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”
18. Let’s do a bit of word typology, then I will lay the experience out for you in the deepest teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ.
19. Pass over to the other side – Means to move from life on earth to life in Heaven.
20. When even(ing) was come – Evening represents the end of life.

¹ James Swanson, [*Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek \(New Testament\)*](#) (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997).

21. Jesus said to them “Let us pass over unto the other side.” Note that you do not do that by yourself. He said “us.” Jesus and you pass over together.
22. The multitude, the secular and the perverse in the crowd of people just listening to Jesus and not making a commitment; they couldn’t come to the places the disciples were going in the little ship to pass over.
23. The little ship conveyed the Disciples from one shore to the other as it will convey all Followers of Jesus Christ.
24. The great storm with the winds blowing and the waves beating into the ship is the test of faith given to every Christian as they pass over.
25. Jesus sleeping with His pillow shows us that it is absolutely nothing to be scared about.
26. He taught the disciples and us that he could easily rebuke the wind and the waves and they would calm down immediately.
27. “Why are you so fearful, how is it that ye have no faith?” asks Jesus to show that it is indeed a test of faith easily accomplished.

Conclusion:

Let me recapture what we have learned from this account of the disciples in a storm in a little ship. We have learned exactly what will happen at the moment of a Christian physical death:

As your physical body dies and your soul is released, you will immediately find yourself in a little ship. You will see other little ships floating around you; those are floating the souls of the other Christians that have died at the same time you have. The wind will pick up ferociously, and the waves will become bigger and bigger and pound your ship back and forth. It is a test of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you trust Him to be Lord over all? Do you trust Him to have peace in the midst of the terrible storm? Do you have confidence in His presence with you as the storm builds? Do you have certainty that you will reach the other bank and exit your ship into Heaven? Do you have the deep knowledge of Mark 4:35-41 to prepare you for your physical death and encourage your active strong faith at the moment your soul leaves your body?

Pretty exciting isn’t it! You now have learned how it will feel and what you will see and hear when you experience physical death. And you now know that it is a faith test, and as a strong Christian, you are not going to fail that little test now are you?

But wait! There is a little problem, maybe. How many of you have heard about the white tunnel of peace that almost dead and temporarily dead report when they awake? The white tunnel where a peaceful entrance into Heaven shows you surrounded by your lost loved ones. Sometimes even angels and God and Jesus lookalikes as they embrace and encourage the almost dead to return to their bodies because it is not their time. And they return with a certain, strong belief, that they and

all the people they have known that have died before them are in the peaceful, bright Heaven, celebrating and loving each other.

Quite a different account of physical death, isn't it? What's up with that? Could it be our enemy, Satan, that is purposely causing these illusions of the almost dead? What gain could Satan make by putting false illusions in the almost dead?

Possibly, if he tricks the almost dead, he might think they would never increase any faith they might possess in their remainder life. Sadly, for the devil, some actually start walking closer with Christ. It is a Satan fail sometimes.

But what about strong Christians? Does Satan want them to become shipwrecked when they meet their test of faith and die? YOU BET HE DOES! He wants strong Christians to grow so scared at the crossing between this life and the one of Heaven, that they fail their test, and must go back to their grave and sleep until Jesus resurrects them in the Last Days. When Christians mistakenly believe that everyone can go down a peaceful tunnel and meet God and their loved ones with angels singing and white light comforting them, and instead find they are being buffeted by a great wind and storm that threatens to sink their ship, they are likely to become fearful. And if the great enemy Satan can make good Christians fearful, then he thinks he can win. Sadly, it still is a Satan fail; strong Christians learn the secret of death before they die, and if they don't and become shipwrecked, they still have a place in Heaven, it will just take them a little bit longer to get there! Thanks be to God!

Shipwrecked

1 Timothy 1:19 (KJV 1900)

¹⁹ Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

28. It is just a little tiny verse; but it confirms what we already know. If at the time of physical death, you have a weakness of faith, or a bad conscience, you are going to be shipwrecked!
29. If you are being buffeted by the storm in your little ship, and you were expecting a peaceful white tunnel leading to Heaven, and you lose faith or remember some of the bad things in your life, you will be shipwrecked.
30. What is faith? Faith is the surety of things to come. Faith is believing that the Lord Jesus Christ died for your sins, which should lead to a very good conscience from that moment you are saved. Faith is knowing God's Word and believing it. Faith is knowing that your Savior will warn you before tough times occur. Faith is understanding the deep things in Scripture so you can prepare for physical death and have absolutely no fear when the storm hits!

Look at the Greek word for "wrecked:"

ῥῆγμα (*rhēgma*), n. *wreck; ruin; collapse*. Hebrew equivalent: קָרַעַים (3).

Noun Usage

1. **ruin (dissolution)** — an event or act that results in destruction; especially that involves the breakup of component parts. Related Topics: Ruin; Desolate; Corrupt.²

Wrecks cause ruin, desolation, corruption. Makes sense, does it not? Your faith is corrupted if it disappears at the moment of a scary event. You are made desolate for a lack of faith; you must sleep in your grave alone until Jesus resurrects you in the Last Days.

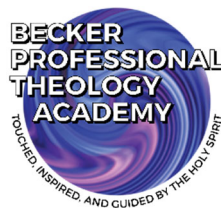
Please don't misunderstand this. You are saved and will ultimately join Jesus for your little faith. But if your faith is corrupted, if it is lacking, if you grow scared at the first storm upon your physical death, then you will be measured by the Lord Jesus Christ as "Lacking." You will never assume a strong role in the New Earth if you cannot be strong getting there. Amen?

Worksheet #3

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1. Why did Jesus speak in parables?
 - a. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."
 - b. So, He could teach His Disciples
 - c. To keep the mystery of the Kingdom of God secret.
 - d. That those that were not followers of Christ would not understand or perceive, lest they be converted, and their sins forgiven them.
 - e. All the above

² Rick Brannan, ed., [Lexham Research Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#), Lexham Research Lexicons (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2020).

2. What is the key to understanding parables, hidden symbology, and typology within the Word of God?
 - a. Education
 - b. Brains
 - c. Church guidance
 - d. The Holy Spirit
 - e. All the above

3. (True or False) Kathy L McFarland teaches parables, hidden symbology, mysteries, and typology within the Word of God, and always references Scripture to confirm the meanings.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. (True or False) Some misguided Bible Teachers reveals hidden meanings through private interpretation, magical thinking, and without confirmation of Scripture. They should be avoided for being false teachers.
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. (True or False) Because there is widespread interest in the interpretation of End Times things, there are many so-called experts trying to make sense out of the Book of Revelations and the Book of Daniel to prove themselves of superior knowledge. Unless they use Scripture to reference each conclusion, that matches the Holy Spirit's knowledge within you, they should also be avoided!
 - a. True
 - b. False

6. What is the firmament in the midst of the waters that the LORD God made?
 - a. Heaven
 - b. Universe
 - c. Earth
 - d. Stars

7. How did the LORD God create the firmament in the midst of the waters?
 - a. He divided the waters from the waters
 - b. He divided the waters from the stars
 - c. He divided the waters from the sky
 - d. All the above

8. In the LORD God's creation, what is between the Heaven and Land?
 - a. Seas
 - b. Separation
 - c. Chasm
 - d. Division
 - e. None of the above
 - f. All the above

9. What Scripture in Mark is the "Parable of the Seeds" found?
 - a. Mark 4:3-8
 - b. Mark 4:13-32
 - c. Mark 4:35-41
 - d. None of the above

10. (True or False) Mark 4:13-32 shows an exact explanation from Christ of the meaning of the "Parable of the Seeds."
 - a. True
 - b. False

11. (Fill in the blank) On that same day after the "Parable of the Seeds" and its explanation, Jesus told His Disciples, "Let us _____ unto the other side."
 - a. Swim
 - b. Walk
 - c. Pass over
 - d. Commune
 - e. None of the above

12. (True or False) When every we see the words "pass over" it reminds us of "Passover," from the time of the LORD God passing over the Israelites homes to keep them safe.
 - a. True
 - b. False

13. When the LORD God was flowing through Egypt to kill all the firstborn to persuade the Pharaoh to let His people go, how was His people protected?
 - a. He knew those that should be saved
 - b. The blood of a lamb was painted on their door posts
 - c. Prayers of the Israelites were in His ears
 - d. All people in the Israelite ghetto were saved

14. (True or False) When a Christian is saved, the blood of Christ is placed on them through acceptance of His crucifixion for salvation and Resurrection into eternal life.
 - a. True
 - b. False

15. Where in Scripture can the Passover of the LORD God be found?
- Genesis 12
 - Exodus 12
 - Deuteronomy 12
 - Mark 12
16. Where in Scripture is Passover remembrance ordained by the LORD God to be celebrated every year?
- Genesis 16
 - Exodus 16
 - Deuteronomy 16
 - Matthew 16
17. (True or False) Passover is a very important concept in the LORD God's remembrance.
- True
 - False
18. What is our main proof Scripture to explain a Christian's physical death?
- Mark 4:35-41
 - Exodus 16:1-10
 - Deuteronomy 5:4-8
 - None of the above
19. (BONUS! No points off, but 2 points added for your correct answer) What other Scriptures in the Gospel support the deeper meaning of Physical Death?
20. What is the literal meaning of passing over?
- Eating lamb while reclining
 - Egyptian revenge
 - Moving from one shore to another shore over water
 - None of the above
21. What is the Greek word that explains to move across to the opposite side?
- Peran
 - Peras
 - Pereen
 - None of the above
22. What is the Greek word that changes it to "Conclusion?"
- Peran
 - Peras
 - Pereen
 - None of the above

23. (True or False) The Greek word that changes “opposite side” to “conclusion” means the “end of a matter” or an “end of a space.”
- True
 - False
24. (True or False) The Lord Jesus Christ taught the hidden meaning of dying to all the folks that were following him in the crowd.
- True
 - False
25. (True or False) The revelation of the mystery of dying was for the Lord Jesus Christ’s disciples only.
- True
 - False
26. What was around the ship that Christ and the Disciples were floating?
- People in the sea
 - Other little ships in the sea
 - Fish in the sea
 - Fishermen in the sea
27. What happened to the ship the Disciples and Christ were in?
- The boat was rocking back and forth severely
 - The waves were rushing, beating, splashing, and roaring
 - It was scary to the Disciples
 - All the above
28. What was Jesus doing in that furious storm while in the ship?
- Praying
 - Laughing
 - Teaching
 - Sleeping
29. (Fill in the blank) The Disciples woke Christ up and screamed “Master, carest thou not that we _____?”
- Believe
 - Are getting sick
 - Can’t get to sleep
 - Perish
30. What did Jesus do when the Disciples called out to him in their fears?
- Jesus AROSE up
 - Rebuked the wind
 - Told the sea “Peace, be still”
 - All the above

31. What were the two questions that the Lord asked his fearful Disciples?
- Are you not prepared to die?
 - Why are you so fearful?
 - How is it that you have no faith?
 - Is today a good day to die?
32. (Fill in the blank) Jesus let His Disciples and us know that to be fearful in this situation buffeting winds and furious seas while in a ship shows _____.
- A lack of faith
 - An abundance of faith
 - A silly fear
 - None of the above
33. What did the Disciples do after this reprimand from their Lord?
- Became confident of their survival
 - Quit praying
 - Apologized to Christ
 - Became even more fearful
34. (Fill in the blank) The Disciples asked each other, “What manner of man is this, that even the _____ and the _____ obey him?”
- Life and death
 - Secular and Faithful
 - Wind and sea
 - Disciples and Followers
35. (Small sentence) What is the deeper meaning to “pass over to the other side?”
36. (Small sentence) What is the deeper meaning “when even(ing) was come?”
37. (Fill in the blank) Jesus said to them, “Let _____ pass over unto the other side.”
- You
 - Them
 - Us
 - Everyone
38. Could the crowd of people that Jesus left behind on the shore follow after the Disciples and grab their own boat?
- Yes
 - No

39. What is the purpose of the great storm with the winds blowing and the waves beating into the ship?
- A rough trip to Heaven
 - A test of faith
 - A rough trip to Hell
 - A test of love
40. Who will experience this rough trip as they pass over?
- Baptized Christians
 - Unbaptized Christians
 - Secular Believers
 - Secular Unbelievers
41. What is significant about Jesus sleeping with His pillow?
- It shows that He will not die
 - It shows that there is absolutely nothing to be scared about when this happens to you
 - It shows that He is mocking His Disciples for their fears
 - None of the above
42. (True or False) When you pass over, the Lord Jesus Christ will pass over with you when your faith is tested by the storm, and you pass.
- True
 - False
43. (True or False) Jesus asks, “Why are you so fearful, how is it that you have no faith?” to show that it is indeed a test of faith easily accomplished.
- True
 - False
44. (True or False) Mysteries within Mark 4:35-41 tells faithful Baptized Christians what will happen at the moment of their death.
- True
 - False
45. (Fill in the blank) As your physical body dies and your soul is released, Baptized Christians will immediately find themselves in _____.
- A white tunnel
 - The presence of passed-on loved ones
 - Heaven
 - A little ship

46. What is in the little ships that you will see floating around your own little ship when you start your pass over?
- People of little faith
 - Other Baptized Christians who have just passed away from the earth
 - A fleet of angels
 - All the above
47. What is it called when after you find yourself in the ship, the wind picks up ferociously, waves become bigger and bigger and pound your ship back and forth?
- A Hurricane
 - A Typhoon
 - A Dream
 - A test of faith
48. What is Satan doing to confuse the Baptized Christians as they pass over with hopes that a loss of faith will occur?
- He casts an evil spell upon them
 - He spreads rumors through almost dying people about the white tunnel of peaceful transition to Heaven
 - He threatens all Christians with dragons and fire
 - None of the above
49. (Small Essay) How will rumors of the white tunnel mess up the pass over of Baptized Christians?
50. What is 1 Timothy 1:19 about?
- Being faithful
 - Being shipwrecked
 - Being a fisherman of men
 - Floating the seas
51. What is the definition of “shipwrecked?”
- A loss of faith that results in destruction in the sea and prevents you to getting to the other side.
 - A loss of faith that results in destruction in the sea and prevents you to getting to the other side.
 - A loss of faith that results in destruction in the sea and prevents you to getting to the other side.
 - All the above

52. What happens if you lose faith and become shipwrecked as you are trying to pass over from earth to Heaven in the sea?
- a. You are still saved and will ultimately join Jesus with your little faith
 - b. You will be measured by the Lord Jesus Christ as lacking in faith
 - c. You will never assume a strong role in the New Earth if you cannot be strong getting there
 - d. All the above