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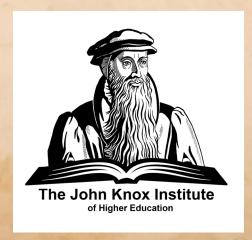
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Blessings of Salvation at Death

Memorization

Question 37: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

Answer: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Lecture Structure

- 1. Introduction: death.
- 2. The separation at death.
- 3. The perfection at death.
- 4. The rest at death.
- 4. Conclusion.

Literal Study

1. Define the term "believers" as it is used in this lecture.	
2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #37, or put it into your own words.	

Lecture Checkup

1. What are the two parts of a human being?
2. What happens to the human's body and soul at the moment of death? Is it different for believers and unbelievers?
3. What Bible passages teach us what happens to the believers soul at death?
4. How do we know that even the best of Christians in this life still have indwelling sin?
5. What does it mean when it say, "the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness"? Does this happen immediately at death?
6. What was the wrestling in his soul that the Apostle Paul expressed in Romans chapter 7?

7. What will the souls of unbelievers experience at the moment of their death?
8. What does the phrase "sleep in Jesus" in 1 Thessalonians 4:13 tell us about the death of believers? Is their body still united to Christ?
9. At the resurrection at the end of the world, what will happen to the souls of believers, and the souls of unbelievers?
10. Who is "the last enemy." Did the Lord Jesus Christ conquer this enemy when he was resurrected on the third day?
<u>Further Studies</u>
1. What is the glorious company which the souls of believers do immediately pass into?
2. How do you prove that there shall be such a general resurrection of the dead at the end of time?

3. Shall the dead be raised with the same bodies which they had when they were alive in the world? How can you prove that?
4. Will not the bodies, when they are raised, differ from what they were when alive in the world?
Practical Application
1. Does every man die? Why is it important to prepare for the day of our death? What is the best way to prepare for that day?
2. What comforts are there for those who are true believers in Jesus Christ when they meet the last enemy?
Project Ideas Try to find several biographies about godly men and women throughout history. Look for their testimonies which might have been recorded at the time of their death. Do you see similarities in the hope that they expressed at death? What is their hope?