These All Died in Faith Heb 11:13-16

• These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland... 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. Heb 11:13-16

Who Died in Faith:

- By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice
- By faith Enoch translated... did not see death
- By faith Noah prepared an ark
- By faith Abraham obeyed to go. ...
- But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' 38 For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him." <u>Lk. 20:37-38</u>



- They were still alive after they left this world.
- Living after dying is part of the promises they received, saw, were assured of and embraced.

Paul's feelings toward death

- Phil 1:21-24
- To die is gain.
- A strait between living and dying.
- A desire(lust) to depart
- It is very far better.
- Do we feel this way yet?

Jesus Brought Life and Immortality

• grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 2 Tim 1:8-10

Jesus Brought Life and Immortality

- Many new vista's and perspectives:
 - anyone keep My word never see death. Jn. 8:51
 - Believe in Me shall live even if he dies Jn 11:25-26
 - everyone who lives/believes in Me shall never die
 - Today you will be with me in paradise. Lk 23:43
 - carried by angels to Abraham's bosom Lk. 16:
 - Moses & Elijah appeared in glory. Lk 9:29-31

Must See and Embrace as They Did

- These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
- Are we among them?
- Have we received our promises?
- Do we see them? Are we assured of them?
- Embraced them? Confess we are strangers?

Do we Think of Paradise?

- Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise. Luke 23:43
- "paradeisos... a garden, pleasure ground; grove, park... 'the garden of Eden...' "
- Paul also went to paradise! II Cor 12:1-4, 7
- Never told what he saw but did tell how he felt about what he saw. Phil 1:21-23
- Very Far Better!
- saw welcomed sought, and desired

keep My word never see death

- Jesus, the thief, and Lazarus did not see death. They saw angels and paradise!
- Moses and Elijah did not see death they found glory and knowledge!
- All-keep Jesus words never see death.
- only side of death we have ever seen is a body empty of a soul.
- How all journeys are experienced.
- Those who remain & those who leave. simply move on to new places

Moses & Elijah in glory.

• As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. 30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Luke 9:29-31

Our Living Hope

 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, 1 Peter 1:3-6