## I Am Not Going To Die, How About You?

What passes through your mind when you think of death? There are people who are horrified at the very mention of death.

Death can be something horrible for one person, but it can be something very wonderful for another. What makes the difference? I would like to tell you something that will surprise you greatly: I am not going to die! The Word of God says that a Christian, one who believes in Christ as his Lord and Savior and who lives in accordance with His Word, does not die, but only falls asleep. When Christ comes to take those who believe in Him, there will be two groups that He will take: those who are " asleep in Christ" and those of us who are alive here on earth and believe in the Lord. Those who are asleep in Christ will be resurrected when He calls them. Those alive here on earth will be caught up after being changed by the power of God. Both groups will be with the Lord for all eternity.

Death is not the unknown for me. When I think of death I have no fear, because when I sleep in Christ, I will go to a better life to enjoy the presence of the Lord for all eternity. Instead of being worried about the idea of having to die some day, I rejoice in knowing that I will be forever with the Lord in the marvelous place He has gone to prepare for me.

Perhaps what I have shared with you seems "too

good to be true," but believe me, it is the truth! God's Word promises it. God gives us the assurance directly through His Holy Spirit. Many Christians pass into the presence of the Lord with a smile on their lips and with a peace that only God can give at that moment.

You too can have this precious hope - to know that you are not going to die. This hope is also for your loved ones, your neighbors and friends if they will give their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. Commit your life to Christ so that He will come into your heart, save you from your sins and give you eternal life. If you want to do this, say out loud and believe in your heart the following prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ I recognize that I am a sinner, and I confess my sins to you. Wash me with your blood, Lord. Save me, deliver me and prepare me for your coming and give me eternal life."

The Bible teaches that because Jesus Christ lives, we too shall live. He arose from the dead with power, and death is a defeated foe! The Lord Jesus Christ has conquered death so we can have this assurance. We do not have to be as those who have no hope. Jesus Christ lives forever, hallelujah!