



‘For what is your life?  
It is a vapour that  
vanishes away...’



“Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow.  
For what is your life? It is a vapour that appears for a little  
time and then vanishes away.”

James 4:14

**Life is but a vapour, a fleeting dash of time between two dates – the dash that lies between the year of our birth and the year of our death.** Yet, no matter how many years we are given on earth they pale in comparison to eternity. What comes next? Where will we end up when our brief time here comes to an end?

Many militant atheists who spent their lives actively campaigning against Christianity have had **terrifying deathbed experiences** suggesting that, in their final hours, they sorrowfully realised – with deep regret – that they were wrong. In contrast, many of the world’s most renowned Christian preachers, teachers and evangelists have experienced peaceful, hopeful and even **glorious departures from this life**.

Meanwhile many nurses and healthcare professionals who work in end-of-life care, report that atheists and Christians have very different final moments before passing away.

This is worth pondering – indeed **there can be nothing more important to think and pray about**. Each of us has a crucial decision to make. Scripture instructs us to...



“Choose this day whom you will serve.”

Joshua 24:15

# Deathbed quotes from well-known atheists and Christians

## Atheists

**Sigmund Freud** (*Austrian neurologist and the founder of psychoanalysis*) (1856-1939): "Now it is nothing but torture and makes no sense anymore."

**Clarence Darrow** (*American lawyer & civil rights activist*) (1857-1938): "Please intercede for me with the Almighty. During my life I have spoken many times against Christians, and I now realise that I may have been wrong."

**Napoleon Bonaparte** (*French revolutionary General & former King of Italy*) (1769-1821): "I die before my time, and my body will be given back to the earth. Such is the fate of him who has been called the great Napoleon. What an abyss between my deep misery and the eternal kingdom of Christ!"

**Voltaire** (*François-Marie Arouet, French Enlightenment writer, philosopher*) (1694-1778):  
"I am abandoned by God and man! I shall go to hell!"

**David Hume** (*Scottish philosopher*) (1711-1776):  
"I am in flames!"

**Thomas Paine** (*Revolutionary and former Deputy of the French National Assembly*) (1737-1809): "I would give worlds if I had them, that the Age of Reason had never been published. O Lord, help me! Christ, help me! Stay with me! It is hell to be left alone."

**Sir Thomas Scott** (*English politician*) (1535-1594): "Until this moment, I thought there was neither a God nor a hell. Now I know and feel that there are both, and I am doomed to perdition by the just judgment of the Almighty."

**Edward Gibbon** (*English historian and Member of Parliament*) (1737-1794): "All is now lost. Finally, irrecoverably lost. All is dark and doubtful."

**Robert Ingersoll** (nicknamed "the Great Agnostic", was an American lawyer, writer) (1833-1899): "O God, if there be a God, save my soul, if I have a soul!"

**Sir Francis Newport** (*English politician*) (1620-1708): "Oh, that I was to lie upon the fire that never is quenched a thousand years to purchase the favour of God and be united to him again! But it is a fruitless wish. Millions and millions of years will bring me no nearer to the end of my torments than one poor hour. Oh, eternity, eternity! Forever and forever! Oh, the insufferable pangs of hell!"

## Christians

**Joseph Everett** (*Methodist Episcopal minister*) (dates not specified): "GLORY! GLORY! GLORY!" (Repeated for over twenty-five minutes until his passing.)

**William Wilberforce** (*British politician, philanthropist, and leader of the movement to abolish the slave trade*) (1759-1833): "My affections are so much in heaven that I can leave you all without a regret; yet I do not love you less, but God more."

**Martin Luther** (*German theologian and key figure in the Protestant Reformation*) (1483-1546): "Our God is the God from whom cometh salvation. God is the Lord by whom we escape death!"

**John Wesley** (*English cleric and theologian, founder of Methodism*) (1703-1791):  
"The best of all is, God is with us. Farewell! Farewell!"

**D.L. Moody** (*American evangelist and publisher*) (1837-1899): "If God be your partner, make your plans large. If this is death, it is sweet. There is no valley here. God is calling me, and I must go."

**Augustus Toplady** (*English cleric and hymn writer, author of "Rock of Ages"*) (1740-1778): "I enjoy heaven already in my soul. My prayers are all converted into praises."

**Richard Baxter** (*English Puritan church leader, theologian, and hymn writer*) (1615-1691): "I have pain—but I have peace, I have peace."





**John Knox** (*Scottish minister, theologian, and founder of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland*) (c. 1514-1572): "Live in Christ, die in Christ, and the flesh need not fear death."

**Adoniram Judson** (*American Baptist missionary to Burma*) (1788-1850): "I go with the gladness of a boy bounding away from school. I feel so strong in Christ."

**John Bacon** (*British sculptor*) (1740-1799): "What I was as an artist seemed to be of some importance while I lived; but what I really was as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only thing of importance to me now."

**George Whitefield** (*English Anglican cleric and evangelist, one of the founders of Methodism*) (1714-1770): "Lord Jesus, I am weary in Thy work, but not of Thy work. If I have not yet finished my course, let me go and speak for Thee once more in the fields, seal the truth, and come home to die."

# Bible verses about heaven and hell

Heaven	Hell
<div><p><b>“However, as it is written: ‘What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived’—the things God has prepared for those who love Him.”</b></p><p>1 Corinthians 2:9</p></div> <div><p><b>“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.”</b></p><p>Philippians 3:20-21</p></div>	<div><p><b>“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell [Gehenna].</b></p><p>Matthew 10:28</p></div> <div><p><b>“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable... their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”</b></p><p>Revelation 21:8</p></div>

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God made us to know and love Him. But we chose our own way, breaking that relationship. In love, Christ came, died for our sins, and rose again – to bring us back to God. Jesus presents himself as the only path to God and eternal life, implying that there is no other way to reach the Father. In John 14:6, Jesus states, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me," emphasising that he is the sole path to God and eternal life. Call on Christ today – only He can restore what's broken.



**Neither is there salvation in any other:**

*for there is none other name under heaven given among men, [apart from Jesus Christ of Nazareth] whereby we must be saved.*

Acts 4:12

**A broken world is healed by a broken Christ, on a broken tree.**



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