

## How do I get eternal life?

Unlike the daffodil or the butterfly each of us has the power to choose and that means turning from all that offends God...

*Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die...*

Ezekiel 33:11

**It means thanking God and accepting that Jesus died to take the death that should have been ours...**



*For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit...*

1 Peter 3:18

**God will then put the life that Jesus has within us, giving us real freedom to live properly and eternally as he designed us to do.**

*God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

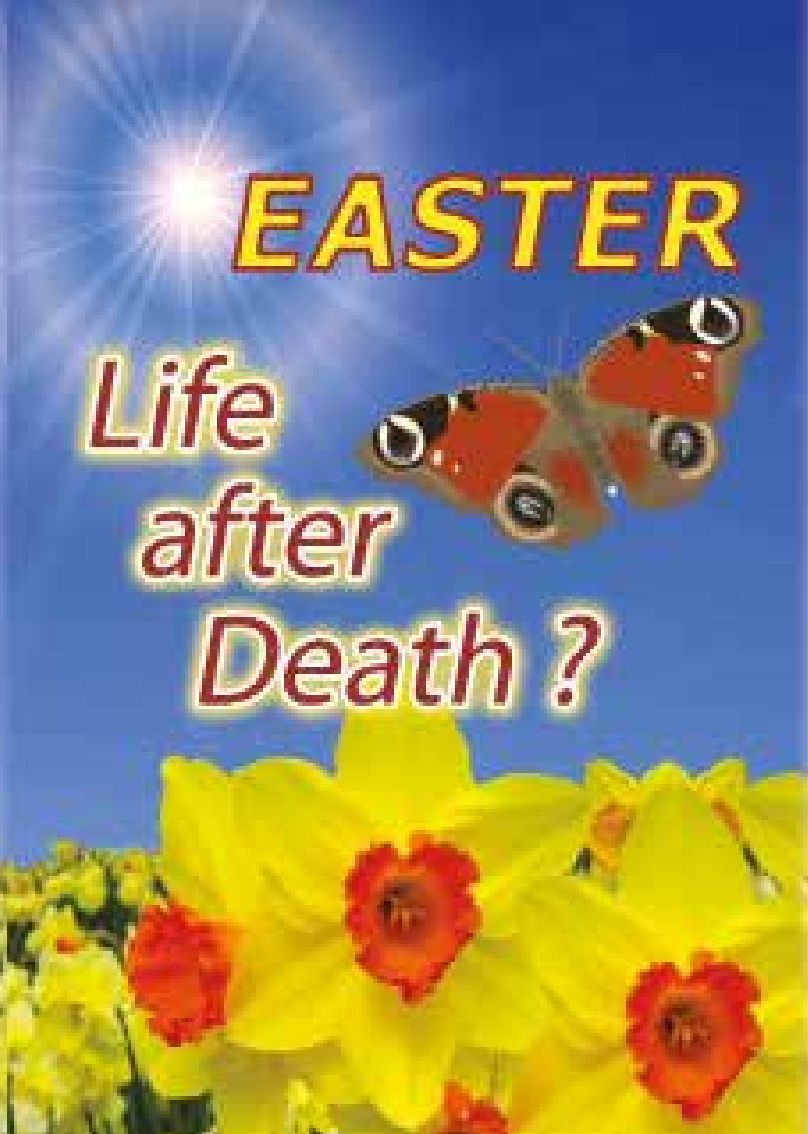
John 3:16

**As the beautiful daffodil flower is so much better than the bulb in the ground; and the freedom of the butterfly is better than being stuck in the cocoon; so eternal life from God is infinitely better than what we have now. It's what God intended for us.**

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# EASTER Life after Death ?



## Life-what is it?

*The daffodil bulb, which appeared dead for much of the year, has sprung up and is crowned with a beautiful yellow flower.*

*Under leaves and bushes lie the apparently dead pupae of last month's caterpillars. But, in a few days they will become butterflies displaying amazing colours, their life a fluttering dance in the warm spring air over the fresh new flowers and grass.*

*They both appear to be amazing changes from death to life.*



*We wonder about ourselves  
–is this life all there is or is there more?*

## Easter Greetings from



## Where does life come from?

We all know rationally that life cannot come from something without life and that the life of each of us is uniquely special and different to that of daffodils or butterflies or any other species. This difference in the type of life is described by the Ultimate Authority...

*...the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

Genesis 2:7

Life – we say it's what we have now, but...

## Why does everything die?

In a few months the daffodils will die back and the ground will look as if they have never been there. Likewise each butterfly after a few weeks is gone forever. We rightly feel that our life is not like this, so why does everything die? Just as God brought life, disobeying Him leaves us with dying and death...

*...the wages of sin is death....*

Romans 6:23

*...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...*

Hebrews 9:27

**Today we alone of all the creatures have the knowledge of good and evil and we are dying from the moment we are born. God says...**

*...for dust you are and to dust you will return."*

Genesis 3:19



## Can we not go on living?

It would be great if the daffodils and the butterflies lasted all year. It would be great if we could keep on living. But we can't. For God says...

*The soul who sins is the one who will die.*

Ezekiel 18:20

History shows that this fact is 100% true and therefore we can expect it to be true of each of us. We all have come short of God's standard and death is now in our genes!

## What kind of life would you like?

"Well not this one, that is for sure! I could never be good enough for the kind of life I want!" For...

*...out of the heart (the essential self) come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*

Matthew 15:19

**It would be great to be like the butterfly with no cares, and the freedom to fly anywhere.**

**There must be a better life.**

**And there is, for Christ Jesus says...**

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

John 10:10

## Does life have to end in death?

The butterflies leave eggs behind when they die. The eggs grow into larvae, then caterpillars and finally become a new generation of butterflies. The same butterfly does not come back again and again. Some people say we come back as a different life form, but it cannot be proved because the past has disappeared.



The only way to know for sure that there is life after death would be to pass through death and live again, so defeating death.

**The greatest proven fact of all time is that Jesus died and 3 days later rose from the dead. Giving Him the right to say...**

*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.*

John 11:25,26

**Is this the kind of life you would want?**

## Can I have eternal life?

The butterfly emerging from the cocoon is completely different to the caterpillar that made the cocoon. Then after a few weeks, the butterfly too will be gone. We want to have a life that does not come to an end. A life like Jesus promised all who receive Him as their Saviour and Lord. This is possible because Jesus says...

*I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand.*

John 10:28

*...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

**The opportunity to receive eternal life, if we want it, can only be taken before we die...**

*...now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.*

2 Corinthians 6:2

**But the Lord Jesus says there is a cost to becoming one of His true followers...**

*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.*

Luke 9:23,24

