

## Understanding Death

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On the earth we have parents, teachers and relatives. We have ways to establish such relationships on the earth, but not in the spirit world. In the spirit world, everyone lives for the whole, with God at the center. All positions are differentiated. Thus, those in a higher position cannot descend to a lower position, and it is difficult for those in lower positions to go to higher positions. Originally, we were to have gone to the spirit world only after becoming complete while on earth. Once we enter that world, there is no returning to the physical world. Everyone is destined to die.

Our life course is too short. Life is too short, even a life span of eighty years is too short. It is not even eight hours in spirit world time. This is why the power of true love is great. True love transcends time and space, and moves at a speed that is beyond our comprehension.

Without a doubt, spirit world exists. It surely exists, and since we were born from the spirit world, we must return there. We live in this world, but it is not the only world that exists. There is also the spirit

world. This earthly world and the spirit world are not two completely separate worlds. They are connected as one world. Then where is the place where we are to go, the place where we are to live? Of course, we are on earth now, living in our physical bodies, but we are moving toward the eternal world. People are born into this world, and pass through their teens, 20s, 30s, middle age, and then old age. When we pass the time of our youth and enter middle age, we pass over one hill, and then eventually we go into old age. Finally, we end our lives like the setting sun.

Those who know the existence of the spirit world, however, realize that a lifetime is but a fleeting moment and that an eternal world awaits us after death. For this reason, these people live their lives on earth as a time to prepare themselves for the world of eternity. The word "death" invites understanding of the meaning of life. Who knows the value of life well? This can be known only by someone who has risked his life to stand on the crossroads of life and death, as he clings to Heaven and implores that he be shown the value of life.

That being the case, should people welcome death, or not? They should welcome it. If you are about to die, and someone asks you what you die for, you should be able to answer: "I die for the sake of God's true love." We discard our physical bodies to participate in the realm of activity of God's infinite love and for the sake of God's world of love.

To die is to be born in God's love, and in this world, we see that people will sometimes say in exaggeration, "Oh, I think I'm going to die." Death is a moment of joy; it is the moment when you go from a realm of limited love to a realm of infinite love. Therefore, the moment of death is the moment of your second birth. Then, would God be joyful about the day of birth of your physical body, or would He be joyful about the hour you are born as a child who is to act for the sake of love in the second, infinite world? You might wonder why I talk about such things. You cannot establish a relationship with God without liberating yourselves from the fear of death.