

WHAT ARE YOU DYING FOR?

God has a question for you today, and it is this? What are you dying for?

Some people say, "I'm dying for a cold drink of water" or "I'm dying for a big T-bone steak."

Some say that they are dying to take a trip to Hawaii or around the world.

All over the world, people are fighting or dying for a cause they believe in, whether we believe in it or not.

Jesus Christ came to live among us and even chose to become one of us. Eventually, he was executed on a cross for his efforts. What was *he* dying for?

He was, and is, dying to reveal the kingdom of his Father to all people, a kingdom of eternal joy and happiness, even in this world.

Are you dying to enter his kingdom or are you satisfied with your own?

He was, and is, dying to close the gap of separation between us and his Father. This gap was caused by disobedience and sin. It is a condition we personally continue in when we choose to disobey God and go our own willful way.

Are you dying to your sinful nature and dying to be reconciled to your heavenly Father through Jesus Christ?

Jesus was, and is, dying to forgive you all your sins and to restore you to your true position as a child of his Father and a member of his Family. He was, and is, dying to satisfy the insult and hurt of his Father that comes from our continued neglect or rejection of him and of his will for us.

Are you dying to live as an obedient child instead of as a spiritual juvenile delinquent?

Are you dying to please your Father and to accept his will for you whatever it is and whatever the cost?

Jesus was, and is, dying to see you believe in and accept him as the only way, truth, and life.

Are you dying to follow his way, accept his truth, and receive his life as the only life worth living?

Jesus Christ was, and is, dying to give you his peace, which the world cannot give.

Are you dying to have that peace that surpasses all understanding, even in the midst of trials and turmoil? Are you dying to give up your struggle against him?

Jesus Christ, and your union with him, is the only hope of eternal life in the future and of true peace and joy in the present. If you are not dying to be eternally happy with your Father and his Family through Jesus Christ, what *are* you dying for?

Is it too much for a Savior, who died for you because he loved you, to ask you to do the same for him? Until you have learned how to die, you have not really learned how to live.

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