

Quality of Death?

My family immigrated to the U.S. in 1967, and one of the main reasons was that we wanted a better quality of life or standard of living. America has lost a lot of its appeal, but many people still want to come here.

There is a new standard by which countries are evaluated nowadays and it is the quality of death standard. Apparently the U.K. and Australia are rated the highest of all the countries in the world as the best places to die.

This is a very interesting concept, but the evaluation appears to be based on an institutional level. Countries that still have a tradition of families taking care of each other, like China and India, are not in the same category as countries where the State has stepped into the role of palliative caregiver.

Our western world is moving away from trusting the family and toward trusting the government instead. When I first came to this country quality of life was generated by the people, but now quality of life is a government commodity that is dispensed among the people. It is not wrong to be concerned about how we spend our last days, but there does seem to be a connection between our move away from godliness and our preoccupation with death.

Will people move to another country in order to die a better death? How should we as Christians process this concept? I would hope that I would imitate the Apostle Paul, who said:

...as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:20, **21**

Somehow I don't think Paul had the same concept of quality of death that many of us have these days.



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WELCOME!

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



- **Today's Sermon: *Some Assembly Required***
- Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.
- Bulletins are archived on the website.

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Scripture: Isaiah 45:20-23

Hymns: 718 We Shall Assemble; **869** Marching To Zion; **342** We Saw Thee Not; **473** Safe In The Arms Of Jesus; **778** Be With Me Lord

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Men's Breakfast**, Saturday, November 7th.
- **Ladies Class**, Tuesday, September 13th. The discussion will be about pages 135-142 of our study book. Please invite friends!
- **Potluck Dinner**, Saturday, October 17th, at Arthur and Sandy's house, or, if it doesn't come to pass, the following day, Sunday, the 18th, following service.
- **Regional Singing**, here at Valley Cities church, 4:30pm, Sunday, November 29th. We will provide snacks and desserts, coffee and drinks.



- Arthur and Sandy would like to invite one and all to their home in Dryden, NY for a **fall afternoon get-together, including a visit to the local cider press and an early potluck supper**, Saturday, October 17th from 1pm until ?.

PRAYERS...

- Maxine Shiel has been sick this week and last with a bad cold.
- Pray for our children's classes that are getting started and for the teachers.
- Pray for Katie Grissies, the friend of Tiffany Cantrell from Prattville, AL, who has cancer. She had her baby a few weeks ago and is now going through an aggressive form of chemo, which is making her really ill.
- Pray for Amy Palmer, from Kittanning, and her new baby.
- Pray for Rhonda Washburn's friend, Brenda Clair's son, Phillip, of East Midfield, PA.
- Pray for Suzie Temple's sister-in-law, Martha Todd, with secondary breast cancer that has spread to her lungs and brain.
- Pray for Marilyn Patrick's health to continue to improve.
- Ron Moulton is in a lot of pain daily from his MD. Pray that he can find relief.
- Felicity Hicks' mother, Linda, will be having a pain relief infuser inserted near her spine on Tuesday.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry barnicat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.