

What are the benefits believers receive from Christ at death?

. . . the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect
(NASB; Heb. 12:23).

We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord (NASB; II Cor. 5:8).

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus . . . and the dead in Christ will rise first (NASB; I Thess. 4:14, 16b).

The benefits believers receive from Christ at death include their souls' immediate perfecting in holiness, their being at home with the Lord, and their bodies resting in union with Christ until the resurrection.

(Adapted from Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 37)

