

AGING and DYING (Part 1)

This is John's final Truly, Truly messianic doctrine in the Book of John. It is directed towards Peter's personal life regarding Aging and Dying in the Plan of God.

**We will study four aspects of Jesus' prophesy given to Peter
in the final Truly, Truly messianic doctrine of Aging and Dying.**

Pay special attention to the eight "Doctrinal Lesson Points."

1. The final Truly, Truly messianic doctrine was prophesy given to Peter regarding his aging and dying.

(Jn.21:18-19) Truly, truly, I say to you, **when** you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; **but when** you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go." Now this He said, **signifying by what kind of death** he would glorify God. **And when He had spoken this, He *said to him, "Follow Me!"**

There are four sections to examine.

- **Younger Section** "When" (hote) (adverb of time)
- **Older Section** "But when" (gerasko/ a.a.subj) [aging / gerontology]
- **Dying Section** "Signifying (semaino/ p.a.ptc nsm) what kind of death (thanatos) he would glorify God" (Matt.16:21-24)
- **Follow Section** "And when He had spoken this, He said to him, 'Follow (akoloutheo/ p.a.impv.2ps) Me.'"

Doctrinal point: God has a plan for Peter's life waiting to be accomplished by his walking by faith and not by sight until dying grace (2 Pet.1:13-15).

(2 Pet.1:14) "Knowing that the laying aside of my dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me."

2. This prophetic messianic doctrine also contained a final standing (present tense) charge to Peter – "Follow Me."

- **Doctrinal point:** As a result of Following Christ, Peter will have a phenomenal grace ministry in the transitional period of the Church Age (Acts 1-12, 15).
- **Doctrinal point:** Peter must reorient himself to his role (feeding not fishing) in the Plan of God and become consistent in his walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor.5:7) (Jn.21:15-17) feed My sheep).
- **Doctrinal point:** The Plan of God calls for Peter to be an Apostle of the Jews to the church of Jesus Christ in the world (1 Pet.5:1-4; Gal.2:7-8).

3. Jesus reminded Peter that Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) residing and functioning in his soul will make aging and dying meaningful by grace ministering the Plan of God in the world (Phil.1:21).

- **Doctrinal point:** Your failures do not define you or your life in Christ. Do not give into this Cosmos Diabolicus [worldly thinking] lie (John 8:44; Ps.51) [David].
- **Doctrinal point:** Confession of sin and change of mind about your life in Christ verses your life in The world, makes it possible for Peter to have a life of impact for God. It makes it possible for Peter to engage in the “greater works of God” (John 5:20; 1 John 1:9; Col.3:1-3).

4. When Jesus gave Peter this personal prophesy, Jesus Himself had already died, been buried and raised from the dead; and Peter knew this to be true (John 20-21).

Jesus reminds Peter that he must return to spiritual maturity and maintain it until dying grace.

(2 Tim.4:7-8) “**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future** there is laid up **for me** the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award **to me** on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

- **Doctrinal point:** The practice of inhaling and exhaling Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD), by application of the Faith Cycle will clothe the soul in time and for all eternity (2 Tim.3:16-17).

Peter’s final doctrinal point to us:

(2 Pet.3:18) “But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”