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Death is an enemy      1 Cor. 15:26

We were created to be directly with God, no death    Gen. 3:9-12

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The faithful can fear death, because it is a foreign concept (not experienced yet) and because it separates us from loved ones

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There is something that longs for the eternity = heaven

Rev. 21:1-4    Death, pain, illness, fear separation are no more

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13    Remove ignorance = Those who have fallen asleep (death)

13    That you may not grieve as those who have no hope

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14    Jesus is our example of death turned to eternal life

14    Jesus will bring with Him those who are asleep

(they are present with Him, and if present, in a good place)

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15-16      Speak of the Parousia – the time of Christ's Return

17    Then we who are here on earth will join the resurrected ones

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17 And we shall always then be with the Lord together

18 Therefore comfort each other with these words

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If we believe heaven exists because the Bible presents it

Then we must give the same trust to God's bridge to heaven

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

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For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (Paul)

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12 (Luke)

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10Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 11And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:10-12 (John)

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Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Mt. 16:16 (Peter & Matthew)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (John)