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Five Unconditional Inevitabilities

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There are many events in this life that are inevitable. For instance, we cannot go through life without suffering some form of loss, nor can we go through life without gain. These things are necessary as our life progresses. The same is true of joy, sorrow, and illness. These things will occur, no matter how hard we may try to avoid them. While they may be inevitable, they are conditional. Certain conditions must be met for us to feel joy and sorrow, or to lose and gain, or even to become ill. However, there also exist inevitabilities that are unconditional, meaning that these events will occur without the need for a condition or criteria to be met. Spiritually, there are five unconditional inevitabilities of which we must be aware:

The earth and heavens will be destroyed – II Pet. 3:10-18. As Peter addresses the issues of scoffers coming in the last days saying that Christ will not return, Peter says that day will come unexpectedly. On that day, the earth will be destroyed “*with a fervent heat*”. Everything will be burned up. This is prophesied in **Psm. 102:25-26**, in which the works of God’s hand are to perish. In **II Cor. 4:18**, Paul says that the things which are seen are temporary. This event is unconditionally inevitable.

Death will come to all – Heb. 9:27. We are told by the Hebrew writer that it is appointed unto man to die once, and after this will come the judgment. As some people joke in this life, the two things that one cannot avoid are death and taxes, and the worse of the two is taxes as you get taxed even after you’re dead. Certainly, death is one event that ultimately cannot be cheated or avoided, no matter how clever or careful we are. Paul says in **I Cor. 15:22** that because of Adam (and his sin) all die. The whole of the Ecclesiastical letter (**Eccl. 3:2; 9:5; 12:7**) is meant to show that we should make the most of our time on this earth as death is unavoidable. While certain conditions may exist that lead to our death, death is still an unconditional inevitability, for all must endure it.

Christ will return – John 14:1-3. Jesus offers the apostles, and us, words to comfort and encourage when He said that He was going to prepare a place for us in Heaven. He said that if He was going to prepare for us a place, then He will return one day to take us there. One of the main anchors of our entire faith is the promise that Christ will indeed return for us. In **Acts 1:9-11**, after Jesus ascended into Heaven, the apostles are told that He will return in the same manner as He left. In **Matt. 24:44**, as Jesus warns the disciples to be watchful, He says that He will return “at an hour you do not expect”. Jesus’ return is an unconditional inevitability.

The dead will rise – Acts 24:15. As Paul defends himself before Felix, he says that there “*will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust*”. It may be easy to think that only Christians will be raised from the dead, but this is not what the Bible teaches, as Jesus says in **John 5:28-29**, all will rise. This is an unconditional inevitability.

There will be a judgment – II Cor. 5:10. Even as Jesus finishes in **John 5:29**, we are told in **II Cor. 5:10** that each will be judged based on their works, that they may receive eternal salvation or eternal torment. As we noticed in **Heb. 9:27** earlier, it is appointed unto man to die once, and after this is the judgment. There can be no avoiding this event, just as Jeremiah confesses to God in **Jeremiah 10:23**, “*O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man to direct his own steps.*”

These are five unconditional inevitabilities that the Bible teaches. There is one conditional promise attached to these – salvation. There are conditions to meet if we want to be saved.