

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I DIE?

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS – Part 6

Ecclesiastes 7:4 A wise person thinks a lot about death.

Ecclesiastes 7:3 Sorrow is better than laughter, for sadness has a refining influence on us.

HOW AM I LOOKING AT DEATH?

I. AM I LOOKING AT DEATH FRM THE DOWNSIDE?

- Death is inevitable.

Eccl 2:16 For the wise and the foolish both die.

- Death is just physical.

Eccl 3:19 For people and animals share the same fate—both breathe and both must die. So people have no real advantage over the animals.

- Death is unsearchable.

Eccl 3:22 No one can bring us back to see what happens after we die.

- Death is the end.

Eccl 9:5-6 The dead know nothing. They have no further reward, nor are they remembered. 6 Whatever they did in their lifetime—loving, hating, envying—is all long gone. They no longer play a part in anything here on earth.

The look from the DOWNSIDE brings DESPAIR.

II. AM I LOOKING AT DEATH FROM THE INSIDE?

Eccl 3:11 He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

The look from the INSIDE brings CONFUSION.

III. AM I LOOKING AT DEATH FROM THE UPSIDE?

A. What happens after I die?

We will either SUFFER separation in hell...

II Thess. 1:8-9 ...bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.

- Physical suffering.
- Emotional suffering.
- Relational suffering.
- Spiritual suffering.

2 Pet 3:9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

...OR we enjoy CELEBRATION in heaven.

Rev. 21:3-4 God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.

1 Cor 2:9 No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

B. What can I do before I die about what will happen after I die?

2 Cor. 1:9 In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.

I TRUST in Jesus Christ.

2 Tim. 1:10 And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

I INVEST in eternity.

Matthew 6:20-21 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

The look from the UPSIDE brings HOPE and PEACE.