

WHEN WE DIE

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER OUR DEATH

“...yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead...”

~ Romans 6:13

1. Life and Death

- a. Death is certainly coming; how do we live til then? What is life after death?
- b. The wise foolish man says, ‘no one knows’, but God’ leaves no excuse - Rom 1:20-22
- c. The natural man says, ‘nothing after death’, but God shows otherwise - 1 Cor 2:14
- d. The common man says, ‘why think of death tomorrow, when we can live today’
- e. The believer says, ‘there is life after’, but struggles to understand it.
- f. Most every man sees death as the end: ‘earn, do, enjoy as much as you can now.’
- g. *How can we Rom 6:13 if we do not know what life is like alive from the dead?*

2. Where We Go ...

- a. The old evangelism adage reduces when we die to ‘do you know where you are going?’
- b. Our bodies return to dust after a funeral and a long decomposition - Gen 3:19
- c. Our spirit returns to God who gave it - Ecc 12:7, where do people go? Luke 16:19-22
 - i. When we die (absent from body), we are present with the Lord – 2 Cor 5:8
- d. Going to heaven or hell is not merely being with God or not - Ps 139:7-8
- e. It’s more than just heaven or hell... (earth? Phi 2:10), but glory or misery, life or death.
 - i. Death is a change of location, but does location really matter?

3. What Happens ...

- a. There are many things that happen after we die.
- b. For some after they die, there is a second death – Matt 10:28, Rev 20:6, 20:14
- c. For every man, there is judgment before Christ - Heb 9:28, Rom 14:12, 2 Cor 5:10
- d. Reward and riches - 1 Cor 3:14, Col 2:18, 3:24, Eph 1:18, Eph 2:7, 3:16, Phi 4:19
- e. Glory no longer a hope – Eph 1:18, Col 1:27, 3:4, Rom 5:2, 8:18, 8:30
- f. God renews heaven and earth – Rev 11:15, 19:5-6, 21:1-5

4. How We Will Live ...

- a. We know how we live now: in hope of retirement, the next season, sequel, meal, travel, entertainment, news cycle, election – all of these end without eternal glory.
- b. What if you were looking forward to God’s will being done? The day to day news was what God was doing in each person, praise was for the success of his word working, each day arising to feelings of gratitude for the riches and glory of God.
- c. What if instead of seeking distraction, we could live life fully, with purpose, complete.
- d. We will live occupied with the things of eternal glory (without end) – 2 Cor 4:18

5. When We Die

- a. The good news of Christ is not finished with a change of location, or even judgment.
- b. Better news – in Christ death is not just future, it is behind you – Col 3:1-3, Gal 2:20
- c. We are dead with Christ, we can know how to live resurrected now. Rom 6:13, Phi 4:11
- d. When our flesh crucified, mortify our members, reckon us dead, we live the life of God.
- e. When we die, we put off mortal flesh, change our location, release from service here.
- f. When we live with the right mind, we can know what life is like when we die ... now.