

## Hell: Eternal SEPERATION FROM GOD

*“This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might.” 2 Thessalonians 1:7b-9 NIV*

*“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” Matthew 22:13 NIV*

## Heaven: Eternal PRESENCE OF GOD

*“No human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9b NIV*

*“I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’” Revelation 21:3-5 NIV*

### ● EVERYBODY DESERVES TO HEAR & SEE PEOPLE WHO LIVE FOR ETERNITY

*“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.” 2 Peter 3:9-10 NIV*

*“The grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.” Titus 2:11-13 NLT*

*Next Week:* **CAN I BELIEVE THE CREATION STORY?**

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## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I DIE?

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*God — “Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3 NIV*

*“God has set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” Ecclesiastes 3:11b NIV*

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

### ● EVERBODY WILL DIE SOMETIME

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die...” Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a NIV*

*“For death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart.” Ecclesiastes 7:2b NIV*

### ● EVERYBODY WILL FACE A MOMENT OF DETERMINATION

*“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...” Hebrews 9:27 NIV*

*“Each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.” Romans 14:12 NIV*

### ● EVERYBODY WILL GO TO A DESTINATION

*“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” Matthew 25:46 NIV*



This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

## **LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to explore what happens after we die.**

### BELONG in God's family:

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**CHECK IN:** (optional) Let's briefly share with each other how we've been doing this week.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

**ICEBREAKER:** In our culture, and around the world, what are some of the things people believe will happen after their death?

### BECOME like Jesus:

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1. Sunday's message dealt with the issue of what happens after we die. What did you learn that will change how you live? Is there anything that you are still struggling with?
2. Let's read Hebrews 9:27-28. We know that everyone dies. We can't see what happens to our souls after death, but the Bible promises salvation to those who trust Jesus. Now read Philippians 2:9-11. At the end of time, everyone will recognize Jesus as Lord—some with joy, and some with despair. Most people in our culture want to believe that almost everyone goes to Heaven (if it exists). Why do you think this is?
3. Christians are confident that our faith in Jesus decides our eternal destiny. Read John 5:24, 6:28-29, Galatians 2:16, and Romans 3:21-24. What do these verses say are the key elements of the Christian faith as it relates to eternal life? Compare the Christian view to what non-believers think about sin, death, and Heaven.

4. Compare the parable of the King's Son's wedding in Matthew 22:1-14, to the account of the Marriage Feast in Revelation 19:6-9. Who is invited to each feast? Who responds to the invitation? Who doesn't respond? Why do you think some people choose not to respond?
5. Some people feel comfortable with the idea of death and don't struggle with it. Others are uncomfortable or wrestle with uncertainty and fear. Where are you on this issue? Why do you suppose that is?

### BLESS others:

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Life often is a real struggle. Read Hebrews 6:17-20. How is the hope of eternity an anchor for your soul in tough times? What can you do this week that will bring hope to someone who needs it?

### BUILD God's Kingdom:

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Read the parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 13:44-46. The Bible doesn't give us details about Heaven, but what one thing do these parables make crystal clear? Although life is filled with important things, in the end, only one thing will matter. We all know people who are too busy or too satisfied to notice the most important things in life. What would you like to tell them?

### BELIEVE God and act in faith:

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2 Timothy 1:12 says "I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until the day of His return." What role does faith play when it comes to the issue of 'what happens after I die?' How can it affect the way I live?

**PRAYER:** What is a challenge you are facing this week? How can we pray and support you?



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