

“What Happens When We Die?”

Text: Hebrews 9:27

1. In answering questions about life AFTER death, we are left with ONLY 2 sources to consult: our own human experience OR _____.
2. So, what happens AFTER death? It all depends on what happens _____ you die.

Hebrews 9:27 - “...it is appointed for all men to die and after that pass to their judgment...”

3. Death _____ the battle every time.
4. Is there a “second chance” after death? This is a _____ view of many people, especially for those who did NOT BELIEVE in Christ and ACCEPT Him as their personal Savior will somehow have a 2nd chance AFTER death – either in the afterlife OR perhaps through reincarnation.
 - A. There is _____ biblical support whatsoever for the notion of a “2nd chance”.

II Corinthians 11:12-15 – “¹³ ...certain men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.”

- B. Satan, the great counterfeiter, continually attempts to counterfeit the _____ character and works of God.

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever BELIEVES in him shall NOT PERISH but have ETERNAL LIFE.”

Romans 1:18-20 – “¹⁸ God’s anger is shown from heaven against all the evil and wrong things people do. By their own evil lives they hide the truth. ¹⁹ God shows his anger because some knowledge of him has been made clear to them. Yes, God has shown himself to them. ²⁰ There are things about him that people cannot see—his eternal power and all the things that make him God. But since the beginning of the world those things have been easy to understand by what God has made. So people have no excuse for the bad things they do.”

5. ONE popular counterfeit is _____. What exactly is reincarnation? It is the belief that the soul, upon death of the body, comes back to earth in another body or an inanimate object. They cycle of rebirth only ends when a person has achieved spiritual perfection.
6. Another counterfeit is Unitarian _____. This is the belief that there is only one God, whatever you interpret that to be. And, when we die, God in His infinite love will take you to Himself in whatever way He chooses.
7. Third counterfeit in the _____ Church. It clearly teaches that people will have a 2nd chance to receive salvation. The same work that goes on here on earth, is the same work that goes on in the spirit world.
8. What matters is that Jesus is the ONLY way to God. This is a ONE time, for eternity commitment. There is no “redoing” it after you die. What happens _____ you die is determined solely by what you do _____ you die.

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9. What about “near-death” experiences? This is typically a time when an individual will state that he/she “died” and went to “heaven” and then were given a “second chance” to _____ to the earth.

10. There is ____ specific scriptural support for near-death experiences.

11. What happens when children die? The Bible does not specifically address this question. We do know 2 things:

A. Children are not born innocent, but _____.

B. We know that God's grace is always _____ than human sin.

12. Can we contact the dead after they are gone? The answer is ____.

Any attempt to dabble in spirit contact is strictly _____ in the Bible. This can be referred to as necromancy, sorcery, or dealing with familiar spirits.

Leviticus 19:31 – “Do not go to mediums or fortune-tellers for advice, or you will become unclean. I am the LORD your God.”

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 – “⁹ When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, don't learn to do the hateful things the other nations do. ¹⁰ Don't let anyone among you offer a son or daughter as a sacrifice in the fire. Don't let anyone use magic or witchcraft, or try to explain the meaning of signs. ¹¹ Don't let anyone try to control others with magic, and don't let them be mediums or try to talk with the spirits of dead people. ¹² The LORD hates anyone who does these things. Because the other nations do these things, the LORD your God will force them out of the land ahead of you. ¹³ But you must be innocent in the presence of the LORD your God. ¹⁴ The nations you will force out listen to people who use magic and witchcraft, but the LORD your God will not let you do those things.”

Galatians 5:19-20 – “¹⁹ The wrong things the sinful self does are clear: being sexually unfaithful, not being pure, taking part in sexual sins, ²⁰ worshiping gods, doing witchcraft, hating, making trouble, being jealous, being angry, being selfish, making people angry with each other, causing divisions among people, ²¹ feeling envy, being drunk, having wild and wasteful parties, and doing other things like

these. I warn you now as I warned you before: Those who do these things will not inherit God's kingdom."

13. What happens at the moment of death?

A. When the saved die, they go directly into the _____ of God.

Philippians 1:23 - **"²³ It is hard to choose between the two. I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is much better..."**

II Corinthians 5:8 - **"We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."**

I Thessalonians 4:14 says: **"We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."**

I Thessalonians 4:16 states: **"¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first."**

B. When the lost die, their soul is sent to hell where it in _____ torment.

14. What is ahead for us when we die?

- A. Our soul goes into the conscious presence of the Lord.
- B. Our body is buried until the day of resurrection.
- C. When Christ returns, we will be raised bodily, from the grave.
- D. Body and soul will be reunited, we will be with the Lord forever.

John 11:25 - **"Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."**