

"It is hard to have patience with people who say 'There is no death' or 'Death doesn't matter.' There is death. And whatever matters. And whatever happens has consequences, and it and they are irrevocable and irreversible." - C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed

One of the ultimate questions of life is, "what _____ (1) when they _____ (2)?"

(I) VARIOUS VIEWS ON DEATH:

- (A) There are some world religions such as Buddhism and Hinduism that affirm a doctrine called _____ (3). They believe we go _____ (4) sometimes thousands or maybe even _____ (5) of times.
- (B) Everyone goes to Heaven. That's called _____ (6).
- (C) People get annihilated and _____ (7). That's what most _____ (8) believe.
- (D) _____ (9) believe that we are really nothing more than a machine. When the machine shuts down . . . we simply go into and we're _____ (10).

(II) CENTRAL QUESTION:

So, how can we know the truth? How can we _____ (11) what happens when somebody dies?

(III) THE ANSWER:

The way we can get at this question is two-fold:

- (A) We need an _____ (12) to give us _____ (13) into what happens when we die.
- (B) We need someone who has been on the other side who could actually _____ (14) and _____ (15) what exactly is the case when death faces all of us.
 - (1) The Authority:
 - (a) The _____ (16) makes it very clear that, yes, we _____ (17)

- and _____ (18) in _____ (19).
- (b) We come to a _____ (20) in the _____ (21).
- (c) One _____ (22) leads in one direction, the other _____ (23) leads in the other.

(2) The Testimony of Someone Who Came Back:

(a) Hell

- Jesus talked about _____ (24) more than anyone else in the Bible.
- Jesus said there is a place called _____ (25).
- Jesus said there is a place of unending torment that will last forever for those who do not have a right _____ (26) with God----that right _____ (27) made possible only through _____(28).

(b) The Way out of Hell

- Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the _____ (29). No one comes to the Father [in Heaven] but by _____ (30)." (John 14:6)
- Without _____ (31) you may live a lie that leads you to a place _____ (32).
- You don't have to die and go to _____ (33), where God's presence is _____ (34).

(c) Heaven

- For those who go to _____ (35) there is:
- No more _____ (36).
- No more _____ (37).
- No more _____ (38).
- No more _____ (39). (cf. Rev 21: 4)
- If you have a _____ (40) with _____ (41) you can be certain of this: "To be absent from the _____ (42) is to be _____ (43) with the Lord [in Heaven]."

(IV) RECAP

What happens when I die?

- (A) All of us are going to _____ (44), unless _____ (45) before we die.
- (B) There is not one way following death. There are _____ (46) ways.
- (C) One leads to destruction and _____ (47) from God, but the other leads to life everlasting, in the presence of God...

(V) BOTTOM LINE

(A) What are YOU going to do with this question?

(B) He [Jesus] is the _____ (48) who has ever lived, _____ (49), and come back from the dead.

(C) If you want an authority who can tell you what does indeed happen when you die, all you have to do is _____ (50) to the words of _____ (51).

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Hebrews 9:27; John 14:6; Revelation 21:4; 2 Corinthians 5:8

RECOMMENDED FURTHER READING:

Life After Death: The Evidence, *Dinesh D'Souza*

Beyond Death: Exploring the Evidence for Immortality, *Gary R. Habermas*

Immortality: The Other Side of Death, *Gary R. Habermas; J.P. Moreland*

Fifty-Five Answers to Questions about Life after Death, *Mark Hitchcock*

Between Heaven and Hell: A Dialog Somewhere Beyond Death with *John F. Kennedy, C. S. Lewis, and Aldous Huxley, Peter Kreeft*

Is Hell for Real or Does Everyone Go to Heaven?, *Timothy Keller, R. Albert Mohler Jr., J.I. Packer*



1. happens to one
2. die
3. reincarnation
4. around and around
5. millions
6. universalism
7. cease to exist
8. atheists
9. Materialists
10. non-existence
11. actually know
12. authority
13. insight
14. come back
15. tell us
16. Bible
17. die
18. stand before God
19. judgement
20. fork
21. road
22. fork
23. fork
24. Hell
25. Hell
26. relationship
27. relationship
28. Jesus
29. Life
30. me
31. Jesus
32. Hell
33. Hell
34. unknown
35. Hell
36. death
37. sorrow
38. crying
39. pain
40. relationship
41. Jesus Christ
42. body
43. present
44. face death
45. Jesus comes
46. 2
47. eternal separation
48. only person
49. died
50. listen
51. Jesus