

What Happens *After* Death?

The point of physical death is when one's spirit departs his physical body (James 2:26a). **Where his spirit then goes depends on his *spiritual condition at that point, that is, if he is righteous or unrighteous in God's sight.*** In other words, one must die with a *pure* heart to see God (Mt. 5:8) and to go home be with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8). **It takes a submissive faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (which includes repentance) to be purified, cleansed and forgiven of sins** (Acts 15:9; 20:21; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rev. 1:5; etc.). Jesus' holy blood is the only spiritual cleansing agent (Eph. 2:13; Col. 1:20; 1 Pet. 1:18,19; Heb. 12:24; etc.). **One must endure to the end to enter God's kingdom** (Mt. 10:22; Heb. 3:12; Rom. 11:20-23; Rev. 2:10,11).

On the other hand, if a person dies in an *unrighteous condition he will immediately go into fiery torment* (Lk. 16:23,28; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; Psa. 11:6; Mt. 13:41,42; 25:30; etc.). There is no *soul sleep*, as the *Jehovah's Witnesses* and *Seven Day Adventist* wrongly teach. That same lost soul, who died in his sins, will remain in that horrible place with other wicked people until their resurrection, then will be shown their names are not found in the book of life to be thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15). The lake of fire will be their final abode, that is, eternal fiery torment with no annihilation (Rev. 19:20 cf. 20:10; Mt. 25:46; Jude 7; etc.).

Concisely stated your earthly life is really a *spiritual test* (James 1:12; 1 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 2:10,11) **filled with much trouble, sorrows, problems and temptations. Your decision to repent and follow the Lord Jesus Christ till death, or not, will determine where you will spend *eternity*, thereby reflecting how vitally important *salvation* is.** Again, that single issue is the pivotal issue of your whole eternity! **So, what will you do with the only Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ? Real success is entering God's kingdom after death, made possible only by the one and only way to get there -- a trusting and submissive faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:6; 10:9; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5; etc.).** Jesus Christ, the Passover lamb of God (1 Cor. 5:7; Rev. 5:12; etc.). If you disown him, he'll disown you (Mt. 10:33).



The holy place prepared by God for the righteous followers of Jesus Christ is a kingdom (Mt. 25:34), a city (Heb. 11:16), the Father's house (Jn. 14:2) and beyond our wildest imaginations (1 Cor. 2:9). It is commonly called *Paradise* (Lk. 23:42,43; 2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7), the city of God (Heb. 12:22; Rev. 3:12), New Jerusalem (Rev. 3:12; 21:2) and the Holy City (Rev. 21:2,10; 22:19). It is shown to be the dwelling of God (Rev. 21:3) and only for the overcomers (Rev. 3:21; 21:1-7; etc.) with many mansions there (Jn. 14:2). It is gain and better by far compared to this life (Phil. 1:21,23). Hallelujah!

The grave is not the end. *Our death is merely our entrance into eternity*, to never be reincarnated. **This earthly test is not a dry run or a practice drill to get it right in another life time. This is it forever. So, what you will do with the Lord Jesus Christ? Will you wisely take up your cross and make him King over your life to follow and serve him unashamedly and faithfully till death in this sin filled and truth rejecting world?**

If you are a backslider, God wants YOU back (James 5:19,20; Rom. 11:19-23). Repent as the prodigal did, who returned to his salvation again (Lk. 15:24). If there is any doubt if you are pure or not in God's sight now, humbly and sincerely cry out to God from your heart for his mercy and forgiveness. **From the depths of your heart, turn from your sins and commit yourself to the Lord Jesus. Don't delay.** You could die at any time.

There are only two gates, two roads and two eternal destinies with the majority perishing (Mt. 7:13,14; Lk. 13:23,24). **You must be *righteously different* because of your faith in the Lord Jesus to enter Paradise. Make your life count for God.** Save this teaching and **pass it on** to someone you love and care about.

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