

What's Next?

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Introduction

This year we have lost several residents who have passed away. What happens after this life? What do believers face when this life is over? Is there a future beyond death?

I. The passing

Psalms 116:15 KJV Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Philippians 1:21 KJV For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Ecclesiastes 3:21 KJV Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

- A. Our body remains
- B. Our spirit ascends to G-d

II. The other side

2 Corinthians 5:8 KJV We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

- A. We are immediately transported into the presence of G-d
- B. We will know others and be recognized by them

1 Corinthians 13:12 KJV For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

III. The resurrection

Isaiah 26:19 KJV Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:19-21, 51-52 KJV If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

- A. The spirit will be reunited with the body
- B. The body will be glorified

IV. The eternal future

John 14:1-3 KJV Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also

Revelation 21:1-2 KJV And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 KJV Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

- A. We will have purpose
- B. We will have job assignments
- C. We will be busy
- D. We will have perfect fellowship