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What Happens When We Die?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Philippians 3:20-21

John 6:40

John 14:1-3

Luke 23:43

1 Corinthians 15:12-53

Daniel 12:13

Matthew 24:30-41

Isaiah 65:17-25

2 Corinthians 12:4

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What Happens When We Die?

- I. Diving Board – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- II. Dictionary – Some terms to know
- III. Do we go to Heaven immediately when we die?
- IV. What about the body?
- V. Our Future Hope in Paradise

What Happens When We Die?

Origin of this topic of discussion.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The passage deals with the rapture.

Paul writes this part of the letter because he does “not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.”

What Happens When We Die?

Terminology – Hebrew & Greek

Earth & Heaven

Hebrew – Genesis 1:1

אֶרֶץ erets the earth
שָׁמַיִם shamayim heavens

Greek – Revelation 21:1

γῆ gé the earth
οὐρανός ouranos heaven(s), sky

~Ouranos used 273 times in the N.T.~

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Terminology – Hebrew & Greek

Paradise

Hebrew – Genesis 2:8

גַּן gan an enclosure, garden

Greek – Luke 23:43;

2 Corinthians 12:4; Revelation 2:7

παράδεισος paradeisos

- paradise, park, garden

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Terminology – Hebrew & Greek

Hell

Hebrew – Psalm 139:8

שְׁאוֹל Sheol – place of the dead

Greek – Luke 16:23

Ἅδης Hadés – place of the dead

~Hadés used 10 times in N.T.~

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Terminology – Hebrew & Greek

Hell

Greek – Matthew 10:28

γέεννα geenna or Gehenna

~Gehenna used 12 times in N.T.~

a valley west and South of Jerusalem;

the final place of punishment

of the ungodly - Mark 9:43

(Lake of Fire – Revelation 21:8)

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Soul

Hebrew – Genesis 1:20; 2:19

נֶפֶשׁ nephesh – soul, living being, life

Greek – Matthew 6:25

ψυχή psuché – breath, the soul,
the seat of affections and will

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Spirit

Hebrew – Psalm 51:10-11

רוּחַ ruach – breath, wind, spirit

Greek – Romans 8:16

πνεῦμα pneuma – breath, wind, spirit

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Terminology – Hebrew & Greek

Spirit, Soul, & Body

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Hebrews 4:12

Romans 8:10

John 4:21-24

Luke 23:46

(Psalm 31:5)

Acts 7:59

Matthew 10:28

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True or False?

**Jesus spoke more about Hell more
than He did about Heaven**

False

He spoke about Heaven 5 times

(5.39 times to be exact)

for every one time He spoke about Hell.

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Do Christians go to Heaven
immediately when we die?

YES!

Luke 23:42-43

Philippians 1:20-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

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What do these 3 scriptures
have in common?

Luke 23:42-43

Philippians 1:20-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Being with Jesus!

John 14:3

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What do we know so far?

1. Heaven and hell are real places in the Bible.
2. People possess body, soul, and spirit.
3. Christians go to be with Jesus when they die.
4. Since their body dies, they must be with Jesus in a non-physical state.

So what will that state be?

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Jesus, the Firstfruits

1 Corinthians 15:22-23 - For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

Jesus, the Pattern for our glorified bodies

Philippians 3:20-21 - But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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What do we know about the bodily state of the resurrected Christ from these passages?

John 20:14-17; 19; 26-27

Luke 24:30-31; 40-43

Acts 1:9-10

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What was the difference between

John 20:17

and

Luke 24:39

Jesus was in an intermediate
state of being.

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Status Intermedius - Intermediate State

We are in an intermediate state until Christ returns to resurrect our human bodies and reunite them with our spirits and souls.

Daniel 12:13

John 6:40

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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When God created humans, He created them with a body and a soul and a spirit and placed them in the Garden – Paradise – where the tree of life is – where they were to rule over the newly created earth. When they sinned they were banished from the Garden.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:8-9 & 15; 3:23-24

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When Jesus returns He will raise us up with a resurrected body, soul, and spirit, and place us in the Garden – Paradise – where the tree of life is – where we will rule with Jesus over the New Heaven and the New Earth. Once we were banished from the Garden because of our sin and now we will dwell there for all eternity because of the sacrificial death of Jesus who paid the price for our sin and rose again as firstfruits.

**Matthew 19:28; 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 6:1-3;
Revelation 20-22**

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Final Answer

When we die we leave our physical bodies behind and spiritually go to be with Jesus.

When Jesus returns we will have our bodies restored as glorified and perfected bodies in which we will enjoy eternity in the New Heaven and the New Earth.

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How Should We Then Live?

As Paul said, we should “encourage one another with these words.”

We should encourage fellow believers and we should encourage non-believers to look forward to that day when we lay aside these mortal bodies and meet Christ face to face.

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What
Is
Salvation?

Next Week

John 3

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