

What Happens After I Die?

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the one holy church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.*

Ecclesiastes 7:4 (NLT)
“A wise person thinks a lot about death.”

After I die,
my soul will c_____.

2 Corinthians 5:8 (NCV), “We really want to be away from this body and be at home with the Lord.”

Philippians 1:22 (The Message), “The desire to break camp here and be with Christ is powerful. Some days I can think of nothing better.”

Luke 23:43 (NLT), “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

When Christ returns,
my body will be r_____.

2 Corinthians 5:4 (NLT), “Our dying bodies make us groan and sigh, but it’s not that we want to die and have no bodies at all.”

Isaiah 26:19 (NLT), “Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!”

Philippians 3:21 (NIV) “Christ . . . will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

How can I prepare for this?

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2 Tim. 1:10 (CEV), “Christ our Savior defeated death and brought us the good news. It shines like a light and offers life that never ends.”

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Discussion Questions

Have someone read 1 Peter 3:15 to the group. Do your attitudes about death make people want to ask you about the hope you have?

Have someone read Philippians 3:20-21 to the group. In Chapter 20 (pages 185-193), Tom explained why the Bible teaches that eternal life is more than merely continuing to exist after death. The Bible teaches that body and soul will be reunited at the resurrection. While most of our world believes in some sort of life beyond this life, the resurrection is a teaching unique to the Bible. From what you read in Chapter 20, recall why the resurrection is an important part of God's plan.

Have someone read Jesus' words in John 14:2-3 to the group. Tom described seven characteristics about heaven in Chapter 21 (pages 195-203). Were any of the characteristics surprising? Which characteristic most makes you look forward to heaven?

Have someone read Jesus' words in John 3:16 to the group. In Chapter 22, Tom wrote, "For some, the thought of hell calls into question God's justice, God's love, and God's grace. Hell does not eliminate these things, however. It illuminates them." Briefly describe how hell illuminates these three things, using Tom's comments from Chapter 22, pages 208-211.

This Week's Assignment

Read Chapters 23-25 in *The Anchor Course*

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“I Believe in Eternal Life”