

LIFE, DEATH AND LIFE AGAIN

*"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life... the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned."*

John 5:24-29 (NIV)

❖ What is Hell?

*"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*

Matthew 25:46 (NIV)

1. Why was Hell created?

*"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"*

Matthew 25:41 (NIV)

2. Who will be in Hell?

*"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*

Matthew 25:46 (NIV)

*"Therefore He is able, once and forever, to save everyone who comes to God through Him."*

Hebrews 7:25 (NLT)

3. What happens to people in Hell?

*"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power."*

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (NIV)

❖ Where is Heaven?

*"Lord, I look up to you, up to heaven, where you rule."*

Psalms 123:1 (GNT)

1. Heaven is God's DWELLING PLACE.

*"I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying 'Look, the home of God is now among His people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God himself will be with them."*

Revelation 21:3 (NLT)

2. Heaven will be every BELIEVER'S final dwelling place.

*"But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a heavenly city for them."*

Hebrews 11:16 (NLT)

3. Heaven will also be the home of ANGELS and OLD TESTAMENT believers.

*"But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands of angels gathered together with joy. You have come to the meeting of God's firstborn children whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all people, and to the spirits of good people that have been made perfect."*

Hebrews 12:22-23 (NCV)

❖ What will Heaven be Like?

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."*

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

1. We will become HOLY.

*"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and we have not yet been shown what we will be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like Him, because we will see Him as He really is."*

1 John 3:2 (NCV)

2. We will receive an immortal, GLORIFIED BODY.

*"For our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die, must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever."*

1 Corinthians 15:53 (TLB)

3. We will have all of our NEEDS MET.

*"Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat."*

Revelation 7:16 (NIV)

4. We will be sharing in CHRIST'S GLORY.

*"Now if we are children, then we are heirs; heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory."*

Romans 8:17 (NIV)

5. We will live in INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP with God and all other believers.

*"Now we see a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."*

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NIV)

❖ So How are We to Live Till Then?

*"And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with self-control, right conduct, and devotion to God, while we look forward to that wonderful event when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed."*

Titus 2:12-13 (NLT)