

Life After Death
Is There Really Life After Death?

I. Introduction

- A. Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NLT) *God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart.*

II. Reasons for Believing in Life After Death

- A. Look at nature
- B. Look at philosophy
- C. Look at the eternal longings of the human heart
- D. Look at the Bible

III. A Summary of What the Bible Teaches About Life After Death

- A. Every human being will be resurrected immediately following death.
 - 1. Luke 23:43 (NAS) *"Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."*
 - 2. Acts 24:15 (NLT) *I have hope in God, just as these men do, that he will raise both the righteous and the ungodly.*
- B. The first event after this resurrection is going to be the judgment.
 - 1. Hebrews 9:27 (NAS) *It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.*
 - 2. "What did you do with your sin?"
- C. God will separate those who trusted and followed Christ from those who didn't.
 - 1. Matthew 7:21-23 (NAS) ²¹*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. ²²Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ²³And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"*
- D. Those who trusted Christ will be assigned to heaven and the new creation forever, and those who didn't will be assigned to hell forever.

IV. Some Truths About Heaven

- A. Uninterrupted community
- B. Our bodies will be transformed.
- C. There will be all kinds of adventure and stimulation there.

V. Some Truths About Hell

- A. No "community"
- B. It will be a very painful place.
- C. There will be extreme remorse and regret.
 - 1. Psalm 103:8 (NAS) *The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.*

2. All God does at the end of life is give people an expanded capacity in eternity for whatever they longed for on earth.
3. Romans 1:20 (NLT) *From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see His invisible qualities-His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.*
4. John 1:12 (NAS) *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.*

VI. Conclusion