

Afterlife

Pt. 2 - Heaven and Hell

- **In the afterlife we face judgement.**

Hebrews 9:27, Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God.

2 Corinthians 5:10, For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

Romans 14:10-12, 10 Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For the Scriptures say, "As surely as I live, 'says the LORD,' every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.'" 12 Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

- **In the afterlife, those who have rejected Christ will spend forever separated from God in a place of punishment.**

Revelation 20:15, And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

5 Things to Know About Hell in the Afterlife

Luke 16:19-31, 19 Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. 20 At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. 21 As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores. 22 "Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side. "The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.' 25 "But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. 26 And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.' 27 "Then the rich man said, 'Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father's home. 28

For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don't end up in this place of torment.' 29 "But Abraham said, 'Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.' 30 "The rich man replied, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.' 31 "But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

1. Hell is a place of great torment.

Luke 16:23, There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.

2 Corinthians 5:8, Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.

2. There are memories in hell.

Luke 16:25, "But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember...

3. Hell is a place of eternal separation.

Luke 16: 26, '... there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.'

4. Hell is forever.

Mark 9:47-48, 47 It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 48 'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.'

5. Hell wasn't prepared for us.

Matthew 25:41, "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'"

- **In the afterlife, believers spend eternity with God.**

Things to Know About Heaven in the Afterlife

1. We go there.

2 Corinthians 5:8, Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.

2. We know and are known there.

1 Corinthians 13:12, For now we see only a 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 Thessalonians 2:19, After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you!

3. We serve and reign there.

Revelation 22:3-5, 3 The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

4. We worship there.

Revelation 5:11-13, 11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

5. There is no curse there.

Revelation 21:1-6, 1 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” 5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning, and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”