

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I DIE?

Answering Life's Toughest Questions

Part 5

Ecclesiastes 7:3-4

"A wise person thinks about death." Ecclesiastes 7:4

"Sorrow is better than laughter, it may sadden your face but it sharpens your understanding." Ecclesiastes 7:3

Ask yourself, "How am I looking at death?"

I. Am I looking at death from the _____ side?

1. Death is inevitable.

"We must all die, wise and foolish alike." Ecclesiastes 2:16

2. Death is just physical.

"Man's fate is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other." Ecclesiastes 3:19

3. Death is "unsearchable."

"There is no way for us to know what will happen after we die." Ecclesiastes 3:22

4. Death is the end.

"The dead know nothing ... their loves, their hates, their passions all died with them." Ecclesiastes 9:5-6

The look from the downside brings _____

II. Am I looking at death from the _____ side?

"He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Eccl. 3:11

The look from the inside brings _____

III. Am I Looking at death from the _____ side!

A. What happens after I die?

Either: We Suffer Separation from God's presence

"He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 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 1:8-9

"He is patient with you, because He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins." 2 Peter 3:9

Or: We Enjoy Celebration in God's presence

"God himself will be with them... He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:3-4

"You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16:11

The look from the up side reveals _____!

B. What am I doing before I die... about what will happen after I die?

"In our hearts we felt the sentence of death. This happened that we might not rely on ourselves, but on God who raises the dead." 2 Corinthians 1:9

How do I prepare to die? Two things...

1. _____ in Jesus Christ.

"Jesus has destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." 2 Timothy 1:10

2. _____ in Eternity.

"It is a wonderful thing to be alive. If a person lives to be very old let him rejoice in every day of life, but let him also remember that eternity is far longer and that everything down here is futile in comparison." Ecclesiastes 11:7-8

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"HOW MUCH MONEY IS ENOUGH?"

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