

Life After Death – Review

- Life after death – Living see death in a positive light
- *God, not of the dead, but the living. All live to Him.*
- *Beggar died ... carried by angels to Abraham's bosom*
- *Today you will be with me in paradise.*
- *You will not leave my soul in Hades*
- *To die is gain ... to depart is very far better*
- *In body or out ..caught up to the 3rd heaven: Paradise*
- *Moses & Elijah appeared in glory. Talk of His decease*
- With all these “unseen” facts, we stop looking at the seen and begin looking at the unseen.

When we Think of Death ...

- *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and **release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.** Heb. 2:14-15*
- *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor 4:18*
- As our own death approaches, these are thoughts that should comfort and lead us to hope/anticipation

This is is only the Beginning!

- *But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ... For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1Th. 4:15-18*
- These are the Facts! The Unseen that is Eternal

Dual Purpose

- To give comfort to those who are alive that those who have died will be returned to us exactly as those who are still alive.
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Dual Purpose

- To add to our ability to see the unseen and give more comfort and excitement to the future.

A Second Time

- *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait for Him** He will appear a **second** time, apart from sin, for salvation. Heb. 9:27-28*

The Day of the Lord

- *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11*
*Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 2***
Peter 3:10-11

Looking Forward to these things

- *looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, **looking forward to these things, be diligent** to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 2
Peter 3:12-15*

Our Daily Attitude

- *"Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. Luke 12:35-40*

Attitude/Feelings about 2nd Coming

- Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Th. 4:18
- looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God. ...Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, 2Pet. 3:12, 14
- who eagerly wait for Him Heb. 9:28
- be like men who wait for their master, ... you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Lk. 12:36-40

The Redemption of our Body

- *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ...23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.** Rom 8:18-24*

Eagerly wait for the Savior

- *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Phil 3:20-21*

What we're Eagerly Waiting for

- eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. Rom 8:23-25
- eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, & who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Cor. 1:7-9
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