Series: "HEAVEN, HELL & THE END OF THE WORLD' Part 1: "THE INTERMEDIATE STATE"

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What is the Intermediate State?

	It refers to the condition of people between their bodily and bodily	
	²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28 (NIV)	
>	One day, our bodies will be resurrected and with our souls	
	• See: 1 Corinthians 15:35-40; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; Acts 24:14-15, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17	
	²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. John 5:28-29 (ESV)	
So	what happens at the moment of death?	
>	The souls of believers immediately enter the of God	
	⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43 (NIV)	
	⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:6 & 8 (NIV)	

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

Philippians 1:21-23 (NIV)

> The souls of unbelievers immediately experience the of God

19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

Luke 16:19-24 (NIV)

What about soul sleep?

- "Sleep" is clearly a _____ intended to depict the temporary nature of death for Christians
 - ¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." ¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead...

John 11:11-14 (NIV)

• See: Matthew 9:24; Acts 7:60; Acts 13:36; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

>	The Bible doest	each the doctrine of soul sleep	
\mathbf{W}	What about purgatory?		
	Purgatory is a place or condition of temporal punishment for those who, departing this life in God's grace, are not entirely free from venial faults, or have not fully paid the satisfaction due to their transgressions. (Catholic Encyclopedia)		
>	Purgatory is the place where believer's souls go to be further from sin to admission into heaven		
>		f Jewish books that are included in man Catholic and Eastern Orthodox s.	
	and sent it to Jerusalem to provid acted very well and honorably, to For if he were not expecting that again, it would have been superfi	nount of 2,000 drachmas of silver, the for a sin offering. In doing this he willing into account the resurrection. those who had fallen would rise hous and foolish to pray for the dead. Willing that is laid up for those as a holy and pious thought.	
>	We are saved from our sins by alone, in	alone, through alone!	
	⁸ For it is by grace you have been from yourselves, it is the gift of G can boast.	a saved, through faith—and this is not God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)	
	• See: Titus 3:4-5; Galatians 3:	:1-14; 1 Timothy 2:5-6	
>	The Bible doest	each the doctrine of purgatory	

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV)

How should we view death?

> For ourselves:
> For unbelievers:
For believers:
Sermon Notes: