

WHY I BELIEVE

Straight Answers to Honest Questions about God, the Bible and Christianity

Why I Believe
in Life After Death

Part 4

7. Evidences of Life after Death :

1. Nature
2. Anthropology
3. Psychology
4. Ethics
5. Philosophy
6. Science : Near-Death Experience
7. Jesus and the Bible

Conclusion:

The cumulative evidence of nature, psychology, anthropology, science, philosophy, the Bible, the testimony of Jesus and personal experience make belief in an afterlife the most rational, plausible, and intellectually defensible conclusion to the question..."Is there life after death?"



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What happens when a person dies?

Four basic truths

1. At death, every person's soul enters _____ and _____ into relational aspects of eternal existence.
 - Jesus' paradigm of the Afterlife *Luke 16:19-31*
 - Paul's paradigm of the Afterlife *2 Corinthians 5:1-8*
Philippians 1:22-24
2. One day, everyone will be _____ and live _____. *Acts 24:14-15*
3. Every person will be _____ and granted the "extended capacity" to fulfill in eternity the deepest yearnings and desires of their heart while on earth. *Hebrews 9:27*
John 5:25-28
4. Every person will spend _____ in heaven with Christ and fellow believers, or in hell _____ from God forever. *Matthew 25:46*
John 5:24



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A Preview of Heaven – The Great Adventure :

- God is There *Revelation 21:1-3*
- Warmth, Beauty, and Light, *Revelation 4:1-4; 22:1-5*
- Wonderful Relationships *Hebrews 12:22-24*
- Incredible Accommodations *John 14:1-3*
- A Fresh Start
 - A New Nature *1 John 3:2*
 - A New Body *2 Corinthians 5:1-5*
 - A New Vocation *Revelation 22:5; 1 Corinthians 6:3*
- Rewards *2 Corinthians 5:10*
- Purpose, Complete Rest, Protection, Commitment and Peace *Revelation 21-22*
- Unbridled Joy, Celebration, Worship, and Laughter *Matthew 26:29*
Revelation 21-22
- Learning, Growing, Friendship, Discovering the Infinite *Revelation 5:8-9*
- Majesty of God and His Universe (yet unrevealed to us) *Revelation 21-22*
- Forever and ever *Revelation 22:5*

Preview of Hell – The Horrible Choice:

- God is Not There *2 Thessalonians 1: 9*
- Punishment and Torment *Revelation 14:10-11*
- Varying Punishment *Matthew 11:21-24*
- Outer Darkness *Matthew 8:12*
- Weeping *Matthew 8:12*
- Wailing *Matthew 13:40-42*
- Gnashing of Teeth *Luke 13:28*
- Forever *Hebrews 6:2, Revelation 14:11*



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Why there must be a Hell :

- Man's dignity and _____ demands a Hell.
- God's holiness and _____ demand a Hell.
- Sin's _____ demands a Hell.
- Evil's _____ demands a Hell.

Conclusion :

- Will your eternal future be a blissful _____ or a horrible _____?

Discussion Questions :

1. Discuss the various arguments for life after death. Which are the strongest in your opinion? Why?
2. Discuss the four basic truths concerning the Bible's teaching on life after death. What was "new" to you? What was helpful? What raised questions?
3. How did this message specifically broaden your view of Heaven? Of Hell? How? Why?
4. What action step of faith do you sense God would have you take in response to this message?



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