

5 prominent views are held about what happens to one’s soul after death:

(1) The View of _____

- a. Believes every person will ultimately be _____
- b. Holds that when a person dies their _____ enters a state of happiness, peace and joy
- c. Primary reason offered for this view is God’s _____
- d. What Scripture/Parable teaches:
 - i. Matt. 25:31-46 → All people appear before Christ and be _____ into 2 groups
 - ii. Eph. 2 → All are _____ in sin and in rebellion against God
 - iii. John 3:36; John 14:6; Acts 4:12 → Only reconciled to God through _____
 - iv. Rich man not in a state of peace and blessing, showing not _____ will be saved
- e. Problems with this view: Emphasizes only God’s love, not His holiness, justice, etc.

(2) The View of _____

- a. Believes every soul continues to exist, but remains in an _____ state until Christ returns
- b. Teaches a person's body & soul descend into the grave in a state of _____
- c. Primary reason offered are passages where _____ is referred to as sleep (John 11:11)
- d. What Scripture/Parable teaches:
 - i. v22-25 → Lazarus’ _____ is not sleeping, but at Abraham’s side and in _____
 - ii. v22-24 → Rich man’s soul is not sleeping, but in _____ in torment and anguish
- e. Problems with this view: Parable shows after death the wicked and righteous souls are alive

(3) The View of _____

- a. This view deals with the fate of the _____ soul
- b. Teaches the wicked soul will _____ to exist as part of God’s punishment and judgment
- c. Primary reason offered are passages where the wicked are _____ (Ps. 37:38, Prov. 14:11)
- d. What Scripture/Parable teaches:
 - i. v23-24 → The rich man’s soul is not destroyed, but shown to be _____ in Hades
 - ii. Matt. 25:46; Rev. 14:11 → Punishment of the wicked is not temporary, but _____
- e. Problems with this view: Parable shows the wicked soul suffering as it will for eternity

(4) The View of 2nd _____ or _____

- a. This view holds that after death, the wicked soul has an opportunity to _____ and _____
- b. Teaches God’s mercy and salvation will extend beyond this _____ and the grave
- c. What Scripture/Parable teaches:
 - i. Jesus offers no _____ of salvation for the rich man who wants his brothers warned
 - ii. 2 Cor. 5:10 → “each may receive what is due for what he has done in the _____”
 - iii. Heb. 9:27 → “appointed for man to die once, and after that comes _____”
- d. Problems with this view: A false hope that minimizes our life which determines our eternity

(5) The View or doctrine of _____

- a. This doctrine concerns what happens to the souls of the _____ after death
- b. Believed to be a state most _____ go after death before they can be admitted into heaven
- c. “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” - *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd Ed., 1030*
- d. What Scripture/Parable teaches:
 - i. Heb. 9:14 → blood of Christ has “_____ *our conscience*”
 - ii. Heb. 10:22 → draw near assured “*our hearts sprinkled _____ from an evil conscience*”
 - iii. Gal. 2:16 → “*not justified by works of the law but through _____ in Jesus Christ*”
 - iv. 2 Cor. 5:21 → Christ took our sin upon Himself and gives us His _____
 - v. In Christ we are made perfect, holy and righteous and able to _____ God’s presence
- e. Problem → Access into heaven is not based on our own purity and righteousness. For the Father not to allow us to enter heaven would be to discredit/diminish His Son’s righteousness.

What happens to the wicked soul after death:

- Apart from Christ, the wicked soul at death is immediately cast into Hades or _____
 - o Jude 6 _____
 - o Dan. 12:2 _____
- WLC Q86: “at their death they are cast into hell, where they remain in torments & utter darkness...till the resurrection & judgment.”

What happens to the righteous soul after death:

- The soul of the righteous is made perfectly _____ (Heb. 12:23)
- The soul of the righteous immediately goes into _____ with Christ until He returns in glory:
 - o Phil. 1:21-23 _____
 - o 2 Cor. 5:6-8 _____
 - o Lk. 23:43 _____

DL Moody, “Someday they will tell you Moody is dead. Don’t believe it! That day I’ll be before the throne, I’ll be more alive than I’ve ever been. Death for the believer is entrance into Jesus’ presence.”