

What happens the moment we die?

And since it is appointed for men to die once and after this judgment. Hebrews 9:27

That initial judgment is based on the Holy Spirit's drawing.

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:44

First, the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sinful state and our need for a Savior

Second, He awakens us to the truth of His word.

Third, our spirit begins to discern spiritual truth that never made sense to us before.

Finally, we choose to believe and accept His death and resurrection as the payment for our sin.

That initial judgement is based on the Holy Spirit's sealing.

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13

A seal communicated ownership, protection, and authenticity of the relationship.

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

A seal is a device or substance that is used to join two things together to prevent them from coming apart or to prevent anything from passing between them.

As the Spirit seals us He identifies us as children of God.

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. Romans 8:16-17

Every person that is born is initially a child of flesh or a child of God.

It is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. Romans 9:8

By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother. 1 John 3:10

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. Romans 8:14

That initial judgment is based on the Spirit's pledge.

For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. 2 Corinthians 5:4

Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge. 2 Corinthians 5:5

So, is there an initial judgment for those who are not sealed with the Holy Spirit?

He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. John 12:48

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. Romans 2:5

Hell was designed originally for Satan and his demons.

Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41

Hell is literally a place like Gehenna.

If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell. Mark 9:47

Hell is a place for those who reject Christ.

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

Hell is a place of conscious torment.

And will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13:50

So, if nobody is in hell then where are those who are not sealed with the Holy Spirit?

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Revelation 20:13

Now a poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and a rich man also died and was buried. In Hades he lifted his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:22–23

What in the world is Abraham's bosom?

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. Luke 16:25

Is there a second chance to accept Christ after a person dies and enters Hades or Hell?

And since it is appointed for men to die once and after this judgment. Hebrews 9:27

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. John 3:36

The moment you die the body begins a transformation to its original state.

By the sweat of your face, you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Genesis 3:19 (Cremation)

God created man uniquely and gave him a soul.

Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (soul). Genesis 2:7

The moment you die the body dies and the soul transforms to its new state.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-6

What happens to our souls when they transform to its new state?

Are our souls and spirits just floating around heaven?

We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven. 2 Corinthians 12:2

And I know how such a man whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak. 2 Corinthians 12:4

So, what did Paul see and what does scripture say about our souls in heaven?

Our resurrected bodies will be conformed to His resurrected body.

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. Philippians 3:20–21

Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have Luke 24:39

That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 1 Corinthians 15:36-37

But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. 1 Corinthians 15:38

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 1 John 3:2

Our resurrected bodies will be imperishable bodies.

So also, is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 1 Corinthians 15:42-43

*It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.
1 Corinthians 15:44*

*Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.
Luke 20:36*

Our resurrected bodies will be clothed in glory.

For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 5:1

For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven since we, having put it on, will not be found naked. 2 Corinthians 5:2-3

Our resurrected bodies will not lose our ethnicity.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. Revelation 7:9

Our resurrected bodies await the joining of our earthly bodies.

And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. Romans 8:23

Our resurrected bodies await the judgment seat of Christ.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10