



Introduction

We now transition into the Eternal State. This is the final state in which man finds himself

Recap

- Image of God
 - “The structure and function in which God made man to represent and imitate Him in relation to God, neighbor, and creation.”
- Pre-fall Image of God
 - Man represents God
 - Man is like God
 - Dominion over creation
 - Male and Female
 - Man is personable and responsible
 - Man retains the image after the fall
 - God calls man “very good”

All men Die

- Wages of sin is death
 - Ecclesiastes 2:16 ESV
 - Ecclesiastes 3:19 ESV
 - Romans 6:23 ESV
- Soul separates from body
 - Ecclesiastes 3:20-21 ESV
 - 2 Corinthians 5:6-9 ESV
 - James 2:26 ESV
- Conscience after death
 - Revelation 6:9-10 ESV
 - Luke 16:24 ESV
- Death is final for our labors and repentance
 - Hebrews 9:27 ESV
 - Hebrews 4:9-10 ESV
 - There are no more treasures that can be stored up after we die.

Where we go

- Common abode for all men before Christ
 - Ecclesiastes 9:10 ESV
 - Psalm 89:48 ESV
 - Genesis 37:35 ESV
- The abode of the Righteous in the OT



- Sheol (Paradise)
- Isaiah 57:1 ESV
- Psalm 49:14-15 ESV
- The abode of the Unrighteous
 - Sheol (Hades)
 - Psalm 9:17 ESV
 - Psalm 9:3 ESV
- The abode of the Righteous in NT
 - Heaven
 - Philippians 1:23 ESV
 - Hebrews 10:19-20 ESV

Death experience

- Death for the unbeliever
 - Driven out
 - Driven away out of this world
 - Driven away out of the society of saints
 - Driven into eternity
 - Driven out of their worldly riches into spiritual humility
 - Driven from all means of grace
 - Death comes upon the wicked suddenly
 - The natural man does not live in light of eternity, but rather suppresses the truth and his destruction comes upon him quickly and suddenly.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:2-5 ESV
 - Not all wicked men die suddenly, but the scriptures say that death for them comes unexpectedly while they are unprepared and hurries them to destruction.
 - Death comes violently to the wicked
 - It takes them to utter destruction.
 - For a man could presume he is going to a better place than is his fate.
 - A man can be passionately wanting to die in order to rid himself of some temporary discomfort.
 - A man may be so despairing of life that he desires to die.
- Death for the believer
 - We are brought into the presence of God
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:14 ESV
 - We have our dear savior waiting for us.
 - We wait eagerly to be with our Lord.
 - Hebrews 6:19-20 ESV
 - We go there under the care of God



- The language of the scriptures tells us that we are being led by our chief shepherd to our final home.
- There will be abundant joy in heaven
 - Psalm 84:10 ESV
- We are leaving a foreign land to dwell with our kinsmen
 - 1 Peter 2:11 ESV
 - Hebrews 11:14-16 ESV
- This will be our last experience of sin
 - 1 Corinthians 15:53 ESV