



Revelation 20:14-15 The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

2. Evaluate the statement: “This life is hell!”

II. Why must we die?

1. What are the reasons why everyone must die?

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

Genesis 3:22 The LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

2. Why is the lie “God has made death a natural part of life” so dangerous?

3. What is God’s plan for death?

Isaiah 25:7-8a On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Hosea 13:14 “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?”

4. Respond to someone who says, “You don’t need to believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus.”

1 Corinthians 15:20-22,55-58 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. [...] ⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

III. What will happen when I die?

1. Break down the timeline and the cause of life and eternal life in these verses.

John 5:24-29 “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.”

2. What will happen for the believer upon death?

Ecclesiastes 12:7 The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Hebrews 9:27 People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

Luke 23:43 Jesus answered [the believing thief], “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

3. How do the lies of reincarnation and annihilation corrupt the truth about life here and the life to come?

IV. What will eternal life be like?

1.) What qualities will our resurrected bodies have?

Philippians 3:21 Who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

2.) Agree/Disagree: The Christian doesn't fear death.

Group Discussion

1. Will we recognize people we knew on earth?

2. What will our relationship with our loved ones be like?

3. Will we be sad if a loved one is not there?

4. Are there degrees of glory?

5. Will we know what is happening on earth?

6. Agree/Disagree: God's promise of sending Jesus was his plan B because of sin.

7. A pastor once told about a hospital visit to a member of the congregation who had delivered a stillborn baby. The hospital chaplain called him over to give him advice on what to say. He advised, “Simply explain to the mother that this is the natural course of things in nature. You see it with cows and pigs all the time. It's simply part of the cycle of life.” If the pastor had followed that advice, how might the mother have reacted?