

## **CROSSPOINTE CHURCH MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP**

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*End Times (pt. 3): What Happens When We Die?*

### **I. DEATH AND THE INTERMEDIATE STATE**

#### A. Different types of death in Scripture

- (1) Spiritual–Genesis 3; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2; Colossians 2
- (2) Physical–Hebrews 9:27
- (3) Eternal–Revelation 20:13-15; Revelation 21:8

#### B. After physical death, the believer goes immediately into the presence of the Lord, awaiting the full consummation of their salvation and reuniting of their soul and body

- Luke 23:43, Phil 1:23

#### C. Paul's perspective

- 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

#### D. Several unbiblical views

- Soul sleep
- Purgatory
- Post-mortem evangelism (1 Peter 3:18-20)
- Annihilationism

#### E. Intermediate state v. Eternal State

### **II. THE RESURRECTION**

#### A. There will be a resurrection of both believers and unbelievers

- John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; Matthew 25:31-46

#### B. Salvation is not complete until our bodies are raised and we are glorified

- Job 19:25-26; Rom 8:16-17, 23, 29-30; 1 Cor 15:12-58

#### C. Believers will receive resurrected bodies like Christ's (Phil 3:21; 1 John 3:2). The nature of these bodies according to 1 Corinthians 15:12-58 will be:

- Imperishable
- Glorious
- Powerful
- Spiritual

#### D. Some implications of the resurrection

- (1) Importance of the body
- (2) Rejection of Gnosticism and modern day forms
- (3) Supernatural nature of Christianity

### **III. JUDGMENT**

#### A. Believers will be judged

- We will give an account of our deeds (Romans 14:10-12; 2 Cor 5:10)
- There will be degrees of rewards for believers (1 Cor 3:12-15; Luke 19:11-27)

#### B. Unbelievers will be judged

- The Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 20:11-15)
- There will be degrees of punishment for unbelievers (Luke 12:47-48; Luke 20:46-47)

#### C. Angels will be judged

- 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; 1 Cor 6:3

#### D. Why is final judgment necessary?

- It serves the purpose of putting on display the glory and supremacy of God before creation

#### E. Some implications of the final judgment

- (1) It satisfied our desire for justice
- (2) Provides motivation for holy living
- (3) Provides motivation for evangelism

### **IV. THE ETERNAL STATE – NEWS HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH**

#### A. God will renew creation

- Romans 8:18-25
- Revelation 21:1-4

#### B. Life in the new heaven and new earth

- (1) We will eat and drink (Rev 19:9; Luke 22:18)
- (2) There will be a great city, the new Jerusalem
- (3) There will be relationships and culture
- (4) What about marriage and family?
- (5) Fellowship with God will be unhindered (Rev 21:22-27; Rev 22:1-5)

#### C. The final state of the unrighteous–Hell

- Matthew 25:41
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10
- Mark 9:42-50

#### D. Some implications

- (1) The reality of eternity should motivate us to be on mission for the gospel
- (2) Understanding the tension of “Already-Not Yet” and the nature of the Kingdom present and future