



God's Answers to Good Questions

Lesson 15 - Where Will I Go When I Die?

PREPARE

- Please read the following passages:
Matthew 25:31-46
Luke 16:19-31
1 Corinthians 2:9
2 Corinthians 5:1-6
Revelation 21:1-8
- Watch the video lesson and complete the Study Guide while watching

STUDY GUIDE

I. What Are the Options?

- A. There are two and only _____ - you will either go to _____, or you will go to _____... there is no third option
- B. Luke 16:19-31 – *“There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”*
- C. The _____ is always directing us down this road to think, “Will I go to Heaven, or will I go to Hell?”

II. What Happens When Someone Dies?

A. The body (or body and spirit) and soul _____ from each other

1. Prior to death, the body (or body and spirit) and soul are _____

2. At _____, these two go their separate ways:

a. The body remains here on earth, and it _____ by returning to dust

b. The spirit goes to _____ who gave it, and the spirit is then dispensed in one of two different places:

- The souls of _____ go to God, and they _____ the presence of God and of His glorious saints in a disembodied state

- When _____ die, their bodies are buried, and their souls go to the place of _____

3. 2 Corinthians 5:1-6 - *"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord..."*

4. The _____ spirit or soul of the unbeliever is suffering in Hell, and that continues for them until the end of history, the final resurrection

5. Matthew 25:31-46 - *"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty,*

and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

- B. At the end of time, Jesus will return to _____ the living and the dead
1. He will resurrect His people _____, and then all others will be raised up to stand before the _____ of Christ
 - a. The resurrected body will be _____ to the spirit/soul of that person
 - b. In the case of a Christian, as that spirit or soul is rejoined to the resurrected body, there is a _____ that goes on
 - c. For the unbeliever, their spirit or soul is brought back to their resurrected body, but there's _____ glorification ... only judgment awaits them
 2. _____ will take place
 - a. The _____ will be opened
 - b. Everyone will be judged according to their _____

- c. _____ on Judgment Day will be welcomed, openly acknowledged, and they will be _____
- d. _____ will be judged, and they will be _____ for their sins to eternal suffering

III. How Does One Get to Heaven?

- A. It is not through works done in _____ to commandments
- B. It's not by being a _____
 - 1. It's not by being the kind of person who makes the _____ ... the kind of person who is _____ ... the kind of person who is _____ ... the kind of person who _____ to charity ... the kind of person who lives a _____ moral existence
 - 2. There is no one _____ but God alone
- C. You get to heaven only through _____ in Jesus Christ and His completed work on the cross
 - 1. Without the shedding of His _____, applied to us by the Spirit for the remission of sins, there is no hope of _____, no hope of _____
 - 2. Without the act of _____ and the _____ of Jesus Christ, we can't go to heaven either ... we need Christ and His suffering, but also His _____ obedience and righteousness, which is _____ to us and received through faith alone

IV. What Will Heaven Be Like?

- A. 1 Corinthians 2:9 - *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."*
- B. I can't tell you what God has in store for believers because I'm just a finite creature ... but I can tell you this, you absolutely won't be _____

C. Revelation 21:1-8 – *“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*

D. At the very center of this passage is the fact that we are _____ the Lord ... we are His _____, and He is our God ... God is _____ among His people

V. What Will Hell Be Like?

A. A lot of evangelical Christians have dismissed the idea of Hell

1. That's not what Jesus says in Luke 16, but rather Hell will be a place of _____ and _____ torment
2. Jesus talks about Hell as the place where the _____ never dies, and the _____ never goes out

B. It's not annihilation, soul sleep, or nonexistence

1. Jesus certainly didn't believe in _____... He didn't discount Hell as a Puritan fantasy meant to _____ people, or a medieval fantasy meant to frighten people to _____ indulgences
2. Jesus knew there were _____ in Hell even as He spoke, just as there are _____ suffering in Hell right now

VI. Doesn't Everyone Go to a "Better Place" When They Die?

A. _____

B. There is _____ better place that unrepentant sinners go when they die

1. Those who die apart from Christ go to a _____
place - for those who go to Hell, there's no _____ ... there's no

2. For those who die apart from Christ, it gets even _____ - after
the resurrection, their bodies and their souls will be reunited, and their
pains which they experience in their disembodied state will become even
_____ in their re-embodied state

C. Here's the good news - if you will repent of your sins and put your trust in the
Lord Jesus Christ, _____

_____!