

Of the State of Man after Death, and of the Resurrection of the Dead

"Show me, O LORD, my end and the measure of my days. Let me know how fleeting my life is. (**Psalm 39:4**)

It is better to enter a house of mourning than a house of feasting, since death is the end of every man, and the living should take this to heart. (**Ecclesiastes 7:2**)

1. The Fate of the Righteous and Wicked:

The bodies of men after death return to dust, and see corruption; **1** but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them. **2** The souls of the righteous being then made perfect in holiness, are received into paradise, where they are with Christ, and behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies; **3** and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell; where they remain in torment and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day; **4** besides these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledges none.

1. [Genesis 3:19](#); [Acts 13:36](#)

2. [Ecclesiastes 12:7](#)

3. [Luke 23:43](#); [2 Corinthians 5:1, 6, 8](#); [Philemon 1:23](#); [Hebrews 12:23](#)

4. [Jude 6-7](#); [1 Peter 3:19](#); [Luke 16:23-24](#)

2. The Last Day:

At the last day, such of the saints as are found alive, shall not sleep, but be changed; **5** and all the dead shall be raised up with the selfsame bodies, and none other; **6** although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their souls forever. **7**

5. [1 Corinthians 15:51, 52](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:17](#)

6. [Job 19:26-27](#)

7. [1 Corinthians 15:42-43](#)

3. The Bodies of the Unjust and Just

The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor; the bodies of the just, by his Spirit, unto honor, and be made conformable to his own glorious body. **8**

8. [Acts 24:15](#); [John 5:28-29](#); [Philippians 3:21](#)

