

“BETWEEN DEATH & RESURRECTION”

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INTRO: If Jesus hadn't risen from the dead, we would still be dead in our sins (1Cor. 15:1-3, 14-18, 20-22). What happens between death and resurrection (Heb. 9:27)?

I. AT DEATH

A. The spirit leaves the body.

1. We are 3-part beings: spirit, soul & body (1Thess. 5:23).

a. **Body** – the physical home of our spirit and soul.

b. **Soul** – our mind, will and emotions (eternal).

c. **Spirit** – the innermost part of our being which communicated with God (eternal).

2. At conversion our spirit is transformed (1Cor. 6:17).

3. Our mind must be renewed (Rom. 12:2).

4. Our soul needs to be submitted to Christ.

B. At death the body goes to the grave where it awaits the future resurrection (Gen. 3:19; 35:16-20; Acts 2:29).

C. The spirit & soul of the righteous goes to be with the Lord (Ecc. 12:7; 2Cor. 5:6, 8; Phil. 1:21, 23).

D. The spirit & soul of the unrighteous goes to a place of torment awaiting the resurrection (Ps. 16:10; Lk. 16:19-31).

II. AT THE RESURRECTION

A. There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous (Acts 24:15; Jn. 5:28-29).

B. This resurrection takes place at Christ's Second Coming (1Thess. 4:13-18; 1Cor. 15:51-52).

C. The resurrected body (1Cor. 15:35, 42-44, 49, 53-54).

D. After the resurrection, there will be a judgment of both the righteous & unrighteous, followed by the eternal state (Rom. 14:10, 12; 2Cor. 5:10; Gen. 18:25; Rev. 20:11-15).

1. The righteous are judged for rewards.

2. The unrighteous are judged for punishment.

E. The righteous' eternal state (2Pet. 3:10, 13; Rev. 21:1-7).

CONCLUSION: You must believe in Christ's death, burial & resurrection to be saved! Do you? Are you ready for your appointment with death (Heb. 9:27; Rom. 10:9-10)?