

# Is There Life After Death?

## I. Introduction:

- A. We all realize that there is birth and death (**Ecclesiasts 3:1-2**).
  - 1. We need to be thankful to God for life (**Genesis 1:26-27**).
  - 2. We can thank Adam and Eve for death (**Genesis 3:19**).
  - 3. However, there is a promise that makes our lesson of great importance (**Romans 5:17-19**, **I Corinthians 15:21-22**, and **II Timothy 1:7-10**).
- B. The denial of life after death is not new (**Mark 12:18-27**).
  - 1. The teaching of life after death has caused problems (**Acts 4:1-2** and **Acts 23:6-8**).
  - 2. Some mock the teaching of life after death (**Acts 17:19-32**).
  - 3. We do need to know what will happen to our souls in death (**II Peter 3:1-12**).

## II. Body: What happens when we die?

- A. The body dies, but the spirit of goes on (**Ecclesiastes 12:7**)
  - 1. The story of Lazarus and the Rich Man inform us where the ongoing spirit shall be (**Luke 16:19-31**).
  - 2. Jesus is proof that the spirit does not die (**Luke 23:39-43** and **Acts 2:22-32**).
- B. After you die you'll await the Judgment of which no man knows the time of: (**Hebrews 9:27** and **Matthew 24:35-36**).
  - 1. Simply put, no man knows when Christ will return (**Luke 12:36-40**).
  - 2. Christ will come as a thief in the night (**I Thessalonians 5:1-3**).
  - 3. Some would desire to turn texts like Matthew 24 upside down (of which the first 34 verses are not discussing the Judgment or return of Christ).
    - a. The first 34 verses of Matthew 24 is talking about the destruction of Jerusalem which is apparent of you read **Matthew 23:31-24:3**.
    - b. Fact is, those things written about Jerusalem were to occur in that generation (**Matthew 23:36; 24:34**).
    - c. "Apocalyptic" language does appear in other texts that have nothing to do with the Second Coming of Christ or the universal Judgment (**Isaiah 13:1-11** and **Ezekiel 32:1-12**).
- C. Many wonder what will happen on the Day of Judgment:
  - 1. Those alive and those dead will be brought together to be judged (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18**).
  - 2. Our bodies will be changed (**I Corinthians 15:45-54**).
  - 3. The Judgment scene is clear (**Matthew 25:31-46**).

## III. Conclusion:

- A. On the Day of Judgment we will be required to give an account of what we've done (**Romans 14:11-12**).
- B. For this reason, we should live Christ here that we might live with Him in the life to come (**Philippians 1:20-21** and **Colossians 3:1-4**).