

What Happens After Death? Part II

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Well, this question can be answered only by a person that has died and come back to life to tell about it. But is there any such person? There has been some near death experiences that many people have gone through. After being pronounced dead for a few minutes to an hour, some people that were brought back to life speak about their near death experiences. Some have said that they were not sure where they were at, but that the place where they were at smelled like baked bread. Others say that they went through a tunnel towards a light, while others have said that they spoke to nice people, or even their relatives. There are many more stories no doubt that we can use as examples, but, are those stories enough to teach us the truth about what happens after death? Can we believe at all those stories? Is any part of those stories true or did those people only hallucinate?

There are many other stories of people that have spoken right before they have passed away and have said some wonderful things, while others have said and described some frightful things. Upon their death bed, some people say that they see Jesus or many angels around them and then immediately pass away. Others have said that they feel such a wonderful joy and peace. This is usually said of Christian believers when they pass away. But the opposite is said when an unbeliever dies. No doubt that we will all one day know exactly what happens because of the fact that we will all one day experience the process of death.

In our last article we asked that should we even care what happens after we die. And the obvious answer is yes, we should care because we will one day die and we don't want to find out after we die that we were wrong in our beliefs. It is for that reason that we should all repent of our sins and believe only in Jesus Christ and live completely and totally for Him because of the fact that Jesus is the only way to get to heaven. Another question that we must answer is should we be afraid of dying. Well, I believe that the answer is given by the way you live your life and whether you know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior or not. By that I mean that, if you are living an ungodly and immoral life, a life like if God does not exist, then you should be afraid of dying because of what awaits you. The Bible says in Romans 2:8-9, "*But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that doeth evil...*"

Jesus spoke about a rich man who lived for his own pleasures and then died. After he died, unfortunately for him, he went to hell. Jesus spoke about how he began to suffer tremendously because of the flames. He realized that it was too late for him, but he wanted someone to come back from the dead to warn his family that was living like he used to while he was alive. But his answer was, "*...if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead*" (Luke 16:31).

I know this topic is avoided by many. But let me say this to you readers. I believe that we cannot afford to look the other way. And we cannot afford to play the political correctness game either because death unfortunately is a reality that we cannot and will not avoid. I pray that as we continue with this series that you take it to heart what the Bible says about death, regardless of what your religion might say.

What happens after we die? The truth is found in the Word of God. Because Jesus arose from the dead, we can now know what happens after we die. The resurrection of Jesus proves that Jesus is the Son of God with power (Romans 1:4). So therefore because He arose from the dead His Word becomes true. Our beliefs about death should be based on what Jesus said and on what is written in the Bible. We must make sure that we believe in what is true, and not in false beliefs.