

DISCOVERY 2000

Life after Death

A message of hope

Ask the next 5 people you meet what happens when you die? You will probably get 5 different answers:

You could -go straight to heaven, or hell, or somewhere in between (depending)

- go to the spirit world
- Be recycled (I mean reincarnated)
- Sleep until the resurrection
- Thats it!



These are all contradictory. They cannot all be true.

Mankind hopes there is more beyond.

Fundamental Bible principle

Romans 6:23 (1089) "The wages of sin is death"

1 John 5:11,12 (1171) He who has the Son has life, He who does not have the Son does not have life

1/ Only God is immortal

-1 Timothy 6:15,16 (1142)

Man is mortal

-Romans 2:7 (1086) - seeks immortality

-1 Corinthians 15:51 (1110)- receives immortality at second coming

-1 Thessalonians 4:16 (1137)

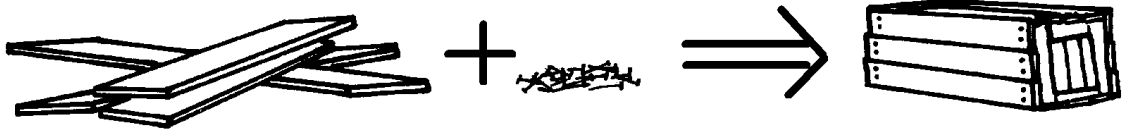
2/ How man was made, what happens when he dies

-Genesis 2:7 (2) _____ + _____ = _____

-Genesis 3:19

-Ecclesiastes 12:7 (646) _____ goes to _____

_____ goes to _____



3/ Where he goes at death

-Ecclesiastes 9:10 (644)

King David

-1 Kings 2:1,2 (319) "about to go the way of all the earth"

- Acts 2:29 (1053) ...David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.

- Acts 2:34 For David did not ascend to heaven,

Resurrection is from the grave

-John 5:28 (1030) - All who are in the **grave** will hear His voice ..

4/ His state in death

Not praising God

Psalms 115:17 (585); 6:5 (516)

Not conscious

Ecclesiastes 9:5,6 (644) The living know _____

The dead know _____



Compared to a sleep

Daniel 12:2 (871); John 11:11-14 (1038); 1 Corinthians 15:51- (1110);

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (1137)

5. The Resurrection is the only hope

Established by the resurrection of Jesus

-1 Corinthians 15:22, 23 (1109) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits; afterward

At the last day

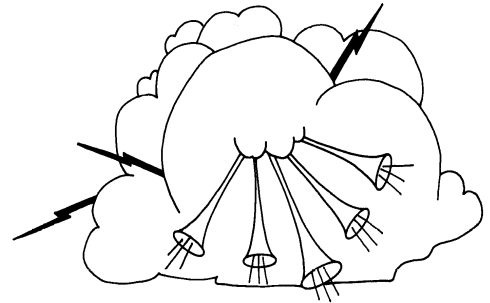
-John 6:39, 40, 44, 54

At the Second coming of Christ

-1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17 (1137)

Rewards are at the resurrection

-Revelation 22:12 (1190); Luke 14:13, 14 (1011)



BUT

If we go to our reward at death;

We would not need a resurrection.

We would not need the Second Coming.

There is no place for a last judgement.

Summary

1. God alone is immortal.
2. We are promised eternal life now and will get it at the second coming.
3. In the meantime, death is like a sleep, a peaceful pause.

If the soul is immortal:

1. There can be no end of evil in the universe (Bleak !!!)
2. Hell must be eternal
3. God is not all-powerful
4. There is no need for:
 - The cross
 - The resurrection
 - The second coming
5. You are your own god

Death - a peaceful pause - a message of hope

1. Evil will come to an end
2. God is love - people will not suffer forever in hell
3. The resurrection at the Second coming of Jesus is our only hope
4. God is the source of life - He offers it freely