

## **What Happens After Death?** **By Greg Rangel**

What happens after death? This question seems to bring much confusion and doubt to many out there. Upon asking this question people will give you their various opinions as to what happens after a person dies.

There are many beliefs in this world of ours as to what happens after death. Some believe that a person stops existing. Others believe that one goes to sleep for ever or at least until a final resurrection or judgment. Others believe in reincarnation, and that is that a person comes back as some type of animal. According to that belief, if a person was bad, then such a person will come back to this world as some type of animal. And if a person was good, then that person might come back as another person. So what happens after we die? Do we go through some tunnel towards a light? Do we go to a holding cell called purgatory? Do we go to hell or to heaven? So what happens after we die?

Another question that we should ask is, should we even care what happens to us after we die? Well, I do believe that we should all care what happens after we die because of the fact that we will all one day die. It does not matter if we are young or old, death will knock on our door one day. We will not be able to avoid it. Because of that, I do believe that there should be a great concern as to what happens when we die. If we stop to exist after we die as many believe, then we really have nothing to worry about, do we? But what if something does happen? What if there is a heaven and a hell? What if God is real and everything that the Bible says is true? Most importantly, what if we were on the wrong side, the losing side, the condemn side, the side that is going to hell, and we come to realize that, after we die? I think that we should not wait until then to find out that we were wrong! I believe that we must get right with God before we die so that we will not spend an eternity apart from Him in hell.

The future seems to be one of the most important things in a persons life. It is for that reason that people commit their lives to pursue a great education and a great career. People make it a priority in life to have financial stability. Many will give up their family so that they might have a great position in life. But unfortunately not too many people will prepare to die. Many spend too much time living their own life that they forget about one of the most important things in life, eternity. Oh yes they will go to church on and off, but quite too often place God in the back burner. And so when death knocks on their door not too many are ready.

Other people perhaps do not really care as to what happens when they die. It could be that for that reason alone they live ungodly in every way. Such people will sing songs that say that they will “party hardy” with the devil,” and such. But in reality that type of thinking is not only foolish, but deceiving because when they die they will care. They will care because unfortunately for them they will literally be judged and condemned and will spend an eternity in hell. They “think” that they don’t care only because that seems to be kind of “kool” these days. “It goes with the flow, you know?” It is also for that reason that they promote death in every way. Death seems to be “in.” Clothing that display skulls, demons, death in religious clothing, etc., is worn only by those that are cool, so

people believe. But in reality, such people need the Lord before they die because it will be “hell” without Jesus.

In this series we will answer all the above questions and more. We will see what the Bible says about death. We will also see who will be the blessed ones that go to heaven and why, and who will be the unfortunate ones. During this series we will also deal with many of the false teachings that are out there, including the false teaching of purgatory.

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