

Death and Life After Life

August 23, 2020

John 14:1-6 NLT

"...I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me..."

Death makes you think, confronts, stirs up emotion

When Job lost everything and everyone his friends came and sat with him... and then they opened their mouths and tried to make sense of the suffering.

The Bible speaks to life, life after death, and life after life after death
The Bible speaks to **life**, an **intermediate state**, and **resurrection**

In the beginning (**Genesis 1-3**)... death is not a part of the design.
Now we **die spiritually** and we **die physically**.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. **Romans 5:12 NLT**

The scriptures are consistently concerned with your whole person... not just your immaterial part **Luke 4:16-21, Matthew 25:31-46**

And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."
Luke 23:43 NLT

Jesus conquered death **2 Timothy 1:9-10**
Death is not the end and a disembodies existence isn't either...

Scriptures describe a full and bodily everlasting life in God's new creation **1 Corinthians 15, 2 Corinthians 5, Revelations 21:1-5**

"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." **John 17:3 ESV**

If death is about separation and resurrection is about reunification
... God reconciled everything to himself... **Colossians 1:20 NLT**

He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own... **Philippians 3:21 NLT**

What we are experiencing now and what those who have died before us are experiencing is not the end of the story...
Resurrection is.

What have you believed about death and the afterlife that might not be supported by scripture?

Is your attitude toward the future marked by hope?

more info: NT Wright - *Surprised by Hope*; BibleProject - *Heaven & Earth*

WE COME SERVE STAND GROW GIVE GO TOGETHER

HOUSE CHURCHES **New Semester starting next month** Our ten week commitment ends this week. While some will continue to meet and others have already wrapped up, we will be beginning our fall semester for house church on September 27th. Stay tuned for more information and how to participate.

TOGETHER READING PLANS **New Plans Selected** This month Justin is leading the devotionals and we are currently reading "**Encounters with Christ**" through the Bible App.

GULU SPONSORSHIPS **Uganda** It's that time of year again, this is your chance to get involved in sponsoring school for kids in Gulu, Uganda. At the end of August we will be selling items again to help support the kids and give you all a chance to hear about what has been going on during these unique times.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **6-8pm tonight!** The 7th - 12th grade teens will be learning about "Fighting the Right Battles" at Cross Current with Pastor Josh!

coming up...

CHURCH MEETING SEPTEMBER 3RD **Open Invitation** We invite you to come together on Thursday night, September 3rd, at 7pm to hear about some significant developments in our church family including our relationship with the Martin Family and Living Hope Church in Malone. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS **Bridge & Cross Current Events** Bridge kids will have a day camp on Tuesday, August 25th from 11:30am-7pm while Cross Current will have a few day trips on August 26, 27 & 28. Watch the newsletter for registration information!

LOVE OGDENSBURG **Cancelled** Given the current situation and where things are at with our efforts in Ogdensburg, we will be delaying the Love Ogdensburg event until next year.



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