

Will You Be *Surprised* With Life After Death?



We get surprised when things come upon us unexpectedly. Many things that occur in our lives come without warning.

Sometimes things like sickness, bills and family crises just cannot be anticipated. Even our own death can come by surprise.

What comes after death, however, is something that does not need to be a surprise for anyone. **It is not God's desire that you be surprised after you die. He tells us in the Bible that every one of us will live somewhere forever.**

To be prepared for life after death, we must first examine what we believe about this matter in the light of God's Word, the Bible.

Do you think a person stops existing after death?

Hebrews 9:27 says, *"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."* The word "after" tells us that life does **not** end with death. No matter what you **think** will happen when you die, God says that His judgment will follow. If you are anticipating "nothing" after death, you **will** be surprised!

Do you think God would never send you to hell?

Psalms 5:4 says, *"For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Thee."* Because God is holy, He must punish sin. Sin cannot be where God is. We are all sinners. If a person's sin is not cleansed by the blood of The Lord Jesus Christ, God must send him to hell, *"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"* (Revelation 20:15). If you think no one goes to hell, you **will** be surprised!

Do you think being good will get you to heaven?

Isaiah 64:6 says, *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses [good deeds] are as filthy rags."* Being a

good person is not enough to make us acceptable to God. We are still filthy sinners. In God's eyes, all have sinned; *"There is none that doeth good, no, not one"* (Romans 3:12). Sin means "missing the mark." We have all missed God's mark even though we may do many good things. If you think a person's goodness gets him to heaven, you **will** be surprised!

Do you think hell will be just a big party?

Matthew 13:50 says that the wicked will be cast *"into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."* A furnace of fire, wailing, and gnashing of teeth do not paint the picture of a party atmosphere. In reality, hell will be filled with only suffering and anguish. Luke 16:22,23 tells of a man who *"died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments."* If you think there will be any pleasure in hell, you will be surprised!

Do you put off thinking about death and eternity, hoping it will just "turn out well"?

John 3:18 says, *"He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."* The person who has not trusted in The Lord Jesus Christ is in peril of eternal condemnation **already!** *"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"* (Hebrews 2:3). These matters are too important to leave unconsidered. The Lord Jesus Christ shed His blood and died on the cross to pay the punishment for your sin that you deserve. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16) The resurrection of Christ is proof that God accepted His payment for sin. If you do not repent of your sin and receive The Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you **will** be surprised!

The God and Saviour you believe in must be the God and Saviour of the Bible and not a god that only exists in your own imagination. Dear Reader, don't go to Hell with the knowledge of the way to Heaven in your head. **God loves you, and Christ died for you.** Repent of your sin and receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord; He says *"..him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"* (John 6:37)



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Luke 16v 23

