

Text: Various Passages
Topics: Heaven, Hell, Resurrection
Series: As It Is In Heaven

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Where are the Dead Now?

I. Old Testament Predictions (Daniel 12:1-4)

Prophesies of a future resurrection were given to the people in Old Testament times

II. New Testament Convictions

The New Testament speaks of being in Christ's presence immediately after death (2 Cor. 5:1-8), and, a future bodily resurrection (1 Thess. 4:14-17).

III. Apocalyptic Realizations

The unredeemed will be resurrected to eternal condemnation in hell. (Rev. 20:11-15)

The redeemed will have resurrected to eternal life on earth. (Rev. 21:1-3, 9-10)

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Why might some people scoff at the idea of a resurrection?
2. Daniel is told (Daniel 12:1-4) that there will be a resurrection. What are the two destinies? What purpose would it serve to have him record this for future generations?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. The Holy Spirit is said to be a pledge for the believer. What would His work in the life of a believer serve as this pledge?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-8. Why would courage be mentioned twice?
Why did Paul see being "absent from the body" (dying) as good? (See also Philippians 1:21-23)
Do you have the same "welcoming death" attitude? Explain.
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17. Where are believers who have died, and what will happen to them?
What does this say about the nature of the believer's existence, and their activity, for eternity?
6. From Revelation 20:11-15, what is the second death, who will experience it, and why? What response does this draw from you?
7. Read Revelation 21:1-3, 9-10. Where, and in what form, are the saints of all ages? What word would you use to describe their existence?
8. What application can you make to your study of these Scriptures?