

16. What will Jesus finally do with death? Revelation 20: 12-15.

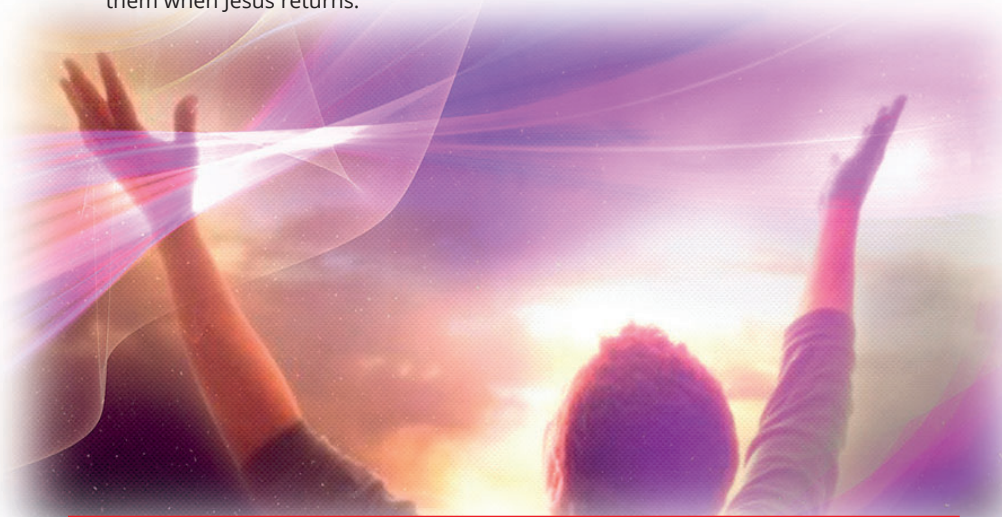
“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the.....of..... This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

- ✓ After the millennium, the wicked will rise again to receive their punishment, which will be given to every man according to his works. Although they do not burn forever, their death will be eternal. The devil and his angels will also be burned and from then on, death will no longer exist. Jesus' purpose to eliminate death will have been fulfilled. What did this cost? The life of the Son of God!

17. What promise did Jesus give us in regards to death? Revelation 21:4.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more , neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

- ✓ Let us always be ready, because our life often hangs by a thread!
- ✓ After our life is over, we no longer have the opportunity to obtain Salvation. Today is the day to make our decision. We have the glorious hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ, who overcame death. Let us be thankful for this, and for the clarity whereby God has revealed this subject in His Word.
- ✓ If death has taken away your loved ones, then don't be sad like those who don't have hope, as 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 says. Remain faithful, and you will once again be able to embrace them when Jesus returns.



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Topic 14

The Mystery of Death in



When we see a funeral car drive by, we can imagine the amount of pain and emptiness that has been left behind after that separation and may even ask ourselves, “Who will be next?” Then more questions follow, “What truly is death? Do those who have died know anything? Will I ever be able to see the loved ones that death separated from me again?” The Bible provides answers to these questions.

1. According to Revelation 1:18, what does the resurrected Christ have in His hands?

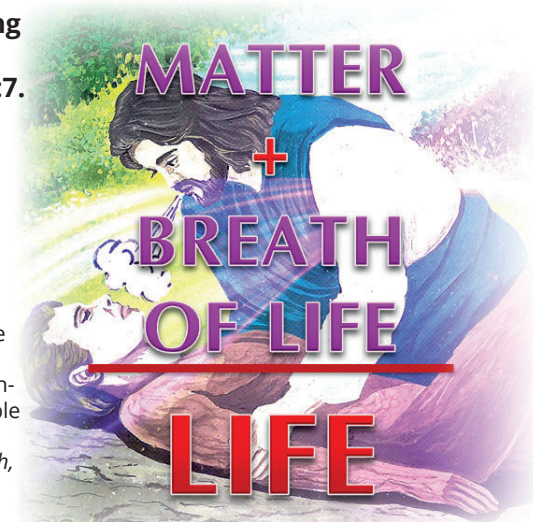
“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the ofand of death.”

- ✓ Revelation chapter 1 states three times that Jesus is the first and the last. He was our Creator. He made us wonderfully perfect, but sin separated us from God. Jesus demonstrated His immense love by coming into this world, taking on human nature, and dying in our place. He resurrected to intercede for us and will return to take us to His kingdom. He is the first in importance and the last in the plan of salvation—the Alpha and the Omega. He has overcome death and wants to give us life. Yes, eternal life is granted to us if we believe in Him. He knows the secret of life and death better than anyone.

2. What was the process of creating the first life like, and what elements did God unite? Genesis 2:7.

“And the Lord God formed man of the.....of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the.....of life; and man became a living soul.”

- ✓ The formula for life was: Matter + breath of life = living soul. The Bible does not say that a person has a soul, something intangible or volatile independent of the body like many people believe, but that the person “is” a soul. Ezekiel 18:20 says: “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.”



3. What is the process of death according to the word of God? Ecclesiastes 12:7

"Then shall the.....return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall.....unto God who gave it."

- ✓ The formula of death is the opposite of life: matter-breath of life= death.
- ✓ There are various chemical products that, when combined with others, produce something totally different. For example: the mixture of two parts hydrogen and one oxygen, creates water: H2O. An electrical lamp produces light when it receives an electrical current. When the current is interrupted, the light goes out. The lamp doesn't give light of itself and neither does the electrical current. Likewise, when God withdraws the breath of life, the body disintegrates, and the person ceases to exist. The Bible clarifies what happens in death.



IS DEATH A CONSCIOUS STATE?

4. Do the dead know anything? Ecclesiastes 9:5

"For the living know that they shall die: but the dead....., neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten."

5. What happens to their feelings? Ecclesiastes 9: 6, 10

"Also, their....., and their....., and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun."

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no....., nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

6. Are the dead in a conscious state? Psalms 146:4

"His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his..... perish."

7. Are the dead in heaven praising God? Psalms 115:17 (Isaiah 38:18, 19).

"The dead.....the Lord, neither any that go down into silence."

8. Do the dead know anything about their relatives? Job 14:21

"His sons come to honour, and he.....it not; and they are brought low, but he.....it not of them."

9. Since there are people that pretend to speak with the dead, with whom are they actually communicating according to Revelation 16:14?

"For they are the spirits of....., working miracles..."

- ✓ People who claim to be able to speak to family members who have died are not talking to them but rather to demon spirits. Demons can imitate the deceased very well. However, this misconception can easily be discovered if we carefully look at and consult the Word of God. In Revelation 12, we see that a third of the angels followed Satan and were cast out of heaven. Why is Satan so determined to make people believe that the dead continue living?

10. God told Adam and Eve that if they disobeyed they would die (Genesis 2:16, 17). However, what was Satan's great lie? Genesis 3:4

"And the serpent said unto the woman,"

- ✓ For 6,000 years, Satan has continuously preached this lie, which many cultures believe. Worshipping the dead existed amongst the Egyptians, who placed furniture, food, and valuable treasures in the tombs of the Pharaohs. There are millions of people today who believe that the dead are enjoying eternal life or suffering punishment in purgatory or hell.



11. What did Jesus compare death to? John 11:11-14.

He compared it to

- ✓ Job also compared death to sleep. The dead sleep; they are unconscious until they wake up at the resurrection. Job 14:10-12

12. What other example do the Scriptures give? Job 14:1, 2.

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a....., and is cut down: he fleeth also as a....., and continueth not."

WILL WE SEE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AGAIN?

13. What is the glorious hope of those who died believing in God? Revelation 20:6; Isaiah 26:19; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first on such the second death hath no power..."

"Thy dead men, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust... and the earth the dead"

14. Are the faithful of old who have died already enjoying eternal life? Hebrews 11:39, 40.

"And these all, having obtained a good report through faith,..... the promise: God having provided some better thing for us..."

15. Have the wicked already received their punishment? Revelation 20:5.

"But the rest of the dead.....again until the thousand years were finished."

- ✓ Those who are dead still rest in their grave. There is a contradiction among those who preach immediate punishment or reward and at the same time believe in the resurrection and the judgment. If a person receives his reward when he dies, why will Jesus come to judge the dead and the living? Who will He judge? What has already been received?