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Blue Springs church of Christ



# LIFE AFTER DEATH

What Really Happens On The Other Side

## INTRODUCTION TO DEATH

### LESSON ONE

#### INTRODUCTION

A study about life after death needs to begin at the beginning— death. What is death? Is death real? How do we die? These are just some of the questions we will answer in this lesson.

#### I. DEATH IS REAL

##### A. DEATH IS A STUDY THAT DEALS WITH ESCHATOLOGY

- The study of the “end times”.
  1. **Individual Eschatology:** What happens to you from the time you die until Jesus returns.
  2. **General Eschatology:** What happens to everyone from the second coming and on into eternity.

##### B. DEATH STATISTICS

- ⇒ 146,000 die every day world wide
- ⇒ 6,744 die everyday in the United States (100 a minute) 2.4 million a year.
- ⇒ The funeral industry takes in over 20.7 billion dollars a year

##### C. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT DEATH IS REAL

- Hebrews 9:27
- David And Bathsheba's Son: 2 Samuel 12:15-17
- Ecclesiastes 3:1, 9:5a
- John The Baptist: Matthew 14:7-12
  - ⇒ We need to prepare for death: 2 Kings 20:1 / James 4:14

#### II. WHAT IS DEATH

##### A. SEPARATION OF THE SPIRIT/SOUL FROM THE BODY: JAMES 2:26

- Notice: “The body apart from the soul is dead.” NOT: “The soul apart from the body is dead.” The soul lives on when the flesh dies (Luke 16).
- Death involves both a spiritual and physical element.
  - ⇒ Body to the ground and Spirit/Soul to God: Ecc. 12:7
  - ⇒ This separation is temporary: 1 Corinthians 15:35-57
- Death involves a “departure” or “a leaving”
  - ⇒ Genesis 35:18 “**Soul departed**”
  - ⇒ Genesis 25:8 “**Gave up the ghost**”
  - ⇒ Acts 7:59-60 “**receive my spirit**”
  - ⇒ Psalm 90:10 “**fly away**”
- **“If we visited more gravesites we would live much different lives.”**

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