

WHEN DYING BRINGS YOU LIFE

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“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ 25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ 27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ 29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ 30 “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)

“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.” Hebrews 9:27 (NIV)

“If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my renewal should come.” Job 14:14 (ESV)

Five Realities Of What Happens After We Die

1. After We Die We Will Still Be Alive

A. Death Is The Great Equalizer

B. Death Is Personal

C. Death Is Certain

D. Death Is Surprising

“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV)

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Philippians 1:21(ESV)

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever rejects the Son will not see life. Instead, the wrath of God remains on him.” John 3:36 (BSB)

“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” John 11:25-26 25 (KJV)

2. After We Die We Shall Be Conscious

“So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ 25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’” Luke 16:24-26 (NIV)

“I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave.” Job 1:21 (NLT)

“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” Matthew 16:26 (KJV)

3. After We Die The Saved Shall Be With Christ

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.” Luke 16:22 (NIV)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” John 5:24(ESV)

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:12–13 (ESV)

4. After We Die Our **Earthly Opportunities Will Be Gone Forever**

“For I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.” Luke 16:28 (NIV)

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4 (KJV)

5. After We Die Our **Destinies Will Be Fixed For Eternity**

“And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.” Luke 16:26 (NIV)