



What Happens After We Die?

2 Corinthians 5:1-10
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The Big Idea: God created each one of us. Those who trust Christ are made “**new** creations” in Christ, yet we will all still **die** physically. Much of what happens to a Christian after we die will remain a mystery until the Lord reveals those things to us. But, some things are clear: we get new **bodies**, we see the **effect** of our life and actions, and we will be with the **Lord** forever.

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5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent ***we groan***, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, ***we groan***, ***being burdened***—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, ***so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life***. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ ***So we are always of good courage***. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for ***we walk by faith, not by sight***. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, ***we make it our aim to please him***.

¹⁰ For ***we must all appear*** before the ***judgment seat of Christ***, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil

While We Are Alive

1. The magnificent, intricate bodies the Lord designed begin to **fail** us.
2. The Lord seeks to show us that the earthly body will cease, but we **live** on for **eternity**.
3. This life is a gift and a part of the gift is the opportunity to **prepare** for eternity on the other side of death. With the gift comes great responsibility.
4. The indwelling and empowering Holy Spirit is another of God’s great gifts to Christians. He is the Lord’s absolute **assurance** of our full salvation and inheritance that will come on the other side of death.

When We Die

1. We receive a “new and improved” and **eternal** body, crafted by God for eternity
2. We are **forever** with the Lord.
3. For the first time in our existence, we will always **please** the Lord.
4. We will appear before the “bema” of Christ. There is no question about whether the Christian will be saved. This is a time when the Lord shows us the **sum** and **meaning** of the life we lived on earth.

Today: Give your life to Jesus. Live faithfully for Him. Trust Him, please Him, and be of good courage as you endure the troubles of this life and look forward to heaven, because He keeps His promises.

Satan's greatest success is in making people think they have plenty of time before they die to consider their eternal welfare.

- John Owen
