



Sermon Outline
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What Happens After You Die?

2 Corinthian 5:1-8

Two Biblical Eternity Options:

Matthew 25:46 - Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

1. _____ is the place you will want to be.

2. _____ is the place you want to avoid at all costs.

Three possible options for what happens after you die:

1. Direct to _____. (For those who know Christ)

2. To a place of _____ for the end of the world.

3. _____.

**The challenge is there are scriptures that speak to each of these possibilities. Fortunately, what you personally choose to believe about it won't change what God has planned.*

2 Corinthians 5:1-8 - For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

* Timeless principles to give us hope as we contemplate death:

1. God's _____.

** We're not just human beings having a spiritual experience. We're ultimately spiritual beings having a human experience.*

Vs. 1 - For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the "first fruits," the "pioneer of life," He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. - C. S. Lewis

* Death is a _____, no longer to be feared.

2. It's _____.

Vs. 5 - Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, **guaranteeing what is to come.**

** A guarantee is only as good as the one who _____ it.*

3. It still requires _____.

Vs. 7 - For we live by faith, not by sight.

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Romans 4:20-21 - Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, **being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.**

* **One day we will each step from this life into _____.** Will you be ready?