

## *Series: Life's Ultimate Questions*

# **What Happens to Me When I Die?**

### *Various Passages*

#### **Big Questions About Life's Greatest Mystery:**

##### **Question #1 – What is death?**

**Answer: Death in the Bible always means \_\_\_\_\_, never \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of existence. (Genesis 2:17; 3:17-24)**

#### **Three Aspects of Death in the Bible:**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ death. (Ephesians 2:1)**

The death talked about in Ephesians 2 has to be a spiritual death due to the fact that the recipients of this letter are still physically alive.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ death. (James 2:26)**

The Bible makes clear that one physically dies when his spirit is separated from His body. The opposite is never true. The immaterial part of man was created to live forever. When God created Adam he was just an empty "clay pot" until the Lord God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). Adam had no life until he was given a soul.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ death. (2 Thessalonians 1:9-10)**

The final aspect of death is the "second death", which is an eternal death or separation from God's presence forever (See Revelation 20:6, 14-15).

#### **Three Truths About Death From the Bible:**

**1. It is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Hebrews 9:27)**

**2. It is coming \_\_\_\_\_ . (Job 14:2; Psalm 90:5-6; James 4:14)**

**3. It is not the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Revelation 21:5-8)**

**Question #2 – Where do people go when they die?**

**Answer:** Believers are immediately with the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_ experiencing absolute joy, and unbelievers are immediately in \_\_\_\_\_ experiencing torment. (Luke 16:19-24)

**Question #3 – What about the third alternative of purgatory?**

**Answer:** Purgatory is a \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine that is completely \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Biblical Reasons Purgatory Must Be Rejected:**

1. Cleansing from our sin comes only through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, not the \_\_\_\_\_ of purgatory. (1 John 1:7; Romans 4:5; Hebrews 10:14)

2. Upon death Scripture says believers are \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord, with no mention of a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ place in between. (2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23)

**Question #4 – Is it okay to contact the dead?**

**Answer:** The Bible always \_\_\_\_\_ contacting the dead. (Deuteronomy 18:10-13; Leviticus 19:31; Leviticus 20:6, 27)

**Question #5 – What should knowing about death and what happens afterward produce in my life?**

**Answers:**

a. It should cause us a sense of \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that life is short and unpredictable.

b. It should cause a sense of \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that people have been fed and swallowed lies.

c. It should cause a sense of \_\_\_\_\_, wanting to see God's Kingdom grow and the gates of hell be pushed back.