



## Dead People Go to a Better Place

NorthRidge Church

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People Believe Dead People Go to a Better Place . . .

- Because God \_\_\_\_\_
- Because as long as we're sincere, any \_\_\_\_\_
- Because God is a God of love, He wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_
- Because No one really knows what \_\_\_\_\_

### What Do We Know?

1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ destinations  
Cp. Luke. 16:19-31; Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 10:28; Mark 9:42-45;  
2 Thess. 1:6-10; Heb. 10:26-27
2. Hell was created \_\_\_\_\_  
Cp. Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10
3. There is no place to \_\_\_\_\_ after death  
Cp. 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 7:27; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8
4. God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_  
Cp. Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:23; 6:23; John 1:12-13; 1 John 2:3-5
5. Without Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_  
Cp. John 14:6; Galatians 2:21

### Action Steps

1. Trust God with your \_\_\_\_\_  
Cp. Hebrews 11:6; Deuteronomy 29:29; Isaiah 55:8-9
2. \_\_\_\_\_ while you can  
Cp. Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 3:15
3. \_\_\_\_\_ with those who disagree  
Cp. 2 Timothy 2:24-26
4. Remove every obstacle that hinders \_\_\_\_\_  
Cp. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

## Truth for Life

For the week of July 24, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. We often use phrases to offer comfort/hope that are often not truthful, such as "dead people go to a better place." Why do we make such statements? Does it actually offer comfort? Hope? Can false hope ever really provide true hope?
2. This week we discussed the destiny of those who reject Christ's offer of salvation. Take a few minutes and review the following verses that describe some of the characteristics of Hell. What description does each passage offer to our understanding of Hell?
  - Isaiah 33:14
  - Matthew 13:42
  - Matthew 25:46
  - Matthew 25:41
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:9-10
  - Revelation 14:9-12
3. Because of the severity of biblical descriptions of Hell, it's no surprise that it causes some people to question how this fits in with a God of love. How do the following verses speak to God's desires and the extent of His love for all of us?
  - John 3:16
  - Romans 5:6-8
  - Ephesians 2:4-9
  - 1 Peter 3:9
  - 1 John 4:9
4. What security and/or motivation do the following scriptures give followers of Christ in light of this week's teaching?
  - Matthew 16:18
  - Romans 8:38-39
  - Jude 1:22-23
5. Action Step Challenge . . .
  - Are there doubts or questions that you still struggle with? How can this group help you to address these doubts or give them to God?
  - Write out your faith story.
  - Is there an obstacle standing in your way to effectively sharing your faith? How will you address it?

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- Because God **grades on a curve**
- Because as long as we're sincere, any **spiritual path will do**
- Because God is a God of love, He wouldn't **send anyone to Hell**
- Because no one really knows what **the afterlife is like**

### What Do We Know?

1. There are **two after life** destinations  
Cp. Luke. 16:19-31; Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 10:28; Mark 9:42-45;  
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2. Hell was created **Satan and his Angels**  
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3. There is no place to **atone for sin** after Death  
Cp. 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 7:27; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8
4. God doesn't **grade on a curve**  
Cp. Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:23; 6:23; John 1:12-13; 1 John 2:3-5
5. Without Jesus, **no one goes to Heaven**  
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### Action Steps

1. Trust God with your **doubts and questions**.  
Cp. Hebrews 11:6; Deuteronomy 29:29; Isaiah 55:8-9
2. **Share your faith story** while you can  
Cp. Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 3:15
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