



## We Believe in the Afterlife

NorthRidge Church

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*If a man dies, will he live again? – Job 14:14*

In this Series we have repeated these Bold Statements ...

- We Believe ... In **Absolute Truth**
- We Believe ... That **Jesus** is the Absolute Truth
- We Believe ... That God gave us the **Bible** as the Source of **Absolute Authority**

Jesus ... *“A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned”* (John 5:29).

Is there Life after Death? If so, what happens when we die?

- I. Believers go to \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - a. Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ ... (Luke 16:19-31; John 14:1-4; Ps. 33:13)
  - b. Built by \_\_\_\_\_ ... (Rev. 21:10-22; Heb. 11:10-16)
  - c. Built to \_\_\_\_\_ ... (Rev. 21:1-5)
- II. Unbelievers go to \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - a. Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ ... (Luke 16:23, 28; 2 Thess. 1:9)
  - b. Lake of \_\_\_\_\_ ... (Rev. 20:11-15; Jude 7; Matt. 13:50)
  - c. Dying without \_\_\_\_\_ ... (Mark 9:48)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ is a myth originating in Greek paganism
- IV. Why must this Be True?
  - a. To \_\_\_\_\_ the Wrongs in this Life
  - b. To \_\_\_\_\_ those who served the Lord
  - c. To \_\_\_\_\_ the promises made by God
  - d. To \_\_\_\_\_ the suffering of this world

### So What?

Will we see our \_\_\_\_\_ again? It depends upon \_\_\_\_\_. And it depends upon \_\_\_\_\_.

## Truth for Life

For the week of November 21, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. If you asked average people on the street to describe God, what do you think they would say? Why do you think they would describe Him that way? What percentage of answers do you think would include calling God “kind” and “patient”? How do you think the perception on the street of their understanding of God has changed in the 2 decades?
2. What excites you most about heaven? What do you see as the most intriguing attribute about heaven?
3. What’s the hardest aspect of the doctrine of hell for you to accept? Think about this statement ... “The Fear of hell is not enough to keep you out of it”? Do you agree? Why or Why not?
4. Read John 15:18-24. This passage helps us to understand that Jesus judges people based on what they know, not on what they don’t know? They hated Jesus because they did not know what/who? (vs. 21) Because Christ came, they now know what? (vs. 22) Their response to Christ was likely because of what?
5. Read Luke 16:19-31. What does the story of the rich man and Lazarus teach us about eternity? Who are the people in the passage? What does the story tell us about the people? Does the story give us any hint as to why the people ended up where they did? What aspect of the story speaks to you most?
6. Does the reality of an eternity without Christ (and without love) motivate you to introduce more people to Christ? If so, why. And if not, why not? This week, spend some time praying for friends who are on the verge of rejecting Christ or who have rejected Christ. Ask God to help your share Christ’s love for them, and to invite them maybe even to Church next week.

### Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

As we commit to expand the opportunity for ministry in going to 2 services beginning in January, Lord help us as we follow your lead ... *Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.* Matthew 28:19-20



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- a. Eternal **Joy** ... (Luke 16:19-31; John 14:1-4; Ps. 33:13)
- b. Built by **God** ... (Rev. 21:10-22; Heb. 11:10-16)
- c. Built to **Last** ... (Rev. 21:1-5)

### II. Unbelievers go to **Hell** ...

- a. Eternal **Misery** ... (Luke 16:23, 28; 2 Thess. 1:9)
- b. Lake of **Fire** ... (Rev. 20:11-15; Jude 7; Matthew 13:50)
- c. Dying without **Dying** ... (Mark 9:48)

### III. **Purgatory** is a myth originating in Greek paganism

### IV. Why must this Be True?

- a. To **Right** the Wrongs in this Life
- b. To **Reward** those who served the Lord
- c. To **Fulfill** the promises made by God
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Will we see our **Loved Ones** again? It depends upon **Them**. And it depends upon **You**.

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