

“Of the State of Man after Death and of the Resurrection of the Dead”

- this study is properly in the category of “Eschatology”, “last things”, or “end times”

I. THE INTERMEDIATE STATE (DEATH)

A. What Happens to the Body?

- ***The Bodies of Men after Death return to dust, and see corruption***
- Gen3:19; Act13:36
- Often in Scripture (particularly the OT), this is called the grave, sheol, the pit. In the Old Testament, focus was on God’s working in this life, and though there are hints of afterlife, it is not fully developed.

B. What Happens to the Soul?

- ***but their Souls (which neither die nor sleep) having an immortal subsistence***
- Annihilationism – JW’s; Soul sleep – 7th Day Adventist
- ***immediately return to God who gave them*** - Eccl12:7

1. The Righteous

- 1.) being then made perfect in holiness*** – Heb12:23
- 2.) are received into paradise where they are with Christ, and behold the face of God, in light and glory***
- Lk23:43; 2Cor5:6-8; Phil1:23
- 3.) waiting for the full Redemption of their Bodies***

2. The Wicked

- 1.) are cast into hell where they remain in torment and utter darkness***
- Jud6-7; Lk16:23, 24
 - 2.) reserved to the judgment of the great day***
- 1Pet3:19; 2Pet2:9
- ***besides these two places for Souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledges none***
 - Contrary to RCC, no limbo (place for unelect children) or purgatory (temporary place of purging for perfection)

II. THE LAST DAY

A. The Transformation

- ***At the last day such of the Saints as are found alive shall not sleep but be changed*** - 1Cor15:51-52; 1Thes4:17
- ***and all the dead shall be raised up with the self same bodies, and none other; although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their Souls for ever.*** - Act24:15; Jn5:28-29

B. The Outcome

- ***The bodies of the unjust shall by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor***
- ***the bodies of the just by his spirit unto 1honour, and be made conformable to his own glorious Body***
- Job19:26, 27; 1Cor15:42-43; Rom8:23; Phil3:21