

Studies in Biblical Eschatology
What Hapens When We Die? Part 2
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Introduction “individual eschatology”

- I. The Intermediate State**
 - A. The event of death
 - B. The believer at death goes immediately into the presence of the Lord
Phil. 1:23; Heb. 12:23
 - C. Paul’s Perspective on the Intermediate State (2 Cor. 5:1-10)
- II. Important Questions About the Intermediate State**
 - A. Old Testament Saints
 - B. Purgatory
 - C. Soul Sleep
 - E. Second-chances (post-mortem evangelism)
 - F. Reincarnation
 - G. Unbelievers
- III. The Resurrection of the Body**
 - A. Our salvation is not complete until our bodies are raised and we are glorified
Job 19:25-26; Psa. 49:15; Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:2
Rom. 8:16-17, 23, 29-30; 1 Cor. 15:12-58
 - B. Believers will received resurrected, glorified bodies like Christ’s
Phil. 3:21; 1 Jn. 3:2
 - C. The Resurrection will be a general resurrection, which will be of both the righteous and the wicked, on the last day (the end of this age)
Jn. 5:28-29; 6:39-40; 11:23-24; Acts 24:15; Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:11-15
- IV. The Final Judgment**
 - A. The final judgment will be a general judgment, including both the righteous and the wicked, at the time of the general resurrection
(See passages in III. C, also, Matt. 7:22; 11:22; Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:5; 2 Pet. 3:7).
 - B. The Necessity of Final Judgment

- C. Christ will be the Judge
Jn. 5:22; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:32
- D. All persons will stand before the final judgment
Psa. 9:7-8; Acts 17:31; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15
- E. Our words and works will be judged
Matt. 12:36; Rom. 2:5-11; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12; 22:12

Heidelberg Catechism, 52

52. Q. What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

A. In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted Himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me.[1] He will cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but He will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.[2]

F. Degrees of Punishment

G. Degrees of Rewards

Conclusion