

Chapter 31 – The State of Man after Death and the Resurrection of the Dead

Eschatology or the doctrine of last things – ἔσχατος ... *eschatos* ... 2 Timothy 3:1... 2 Peter 3:3

Para. #1 – *The bodies of men after death return to dust and suffer decay, but their souls which neither die nor sink into a state of unconsciousness—they are inherently immortal—immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous, whose holiness is at death perfected, are received into paradise, where they are with Christ, looking upon the face of God in light and glory, and waiting for the full redemption of their bodies. The souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torment and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day. Souls separated from their bodies are in either paradise or hell, for the Scripture speaks of no other abodes of the departed.* – Gen. 3:19; Eccles. 12:7; Luke 16:23,24; 23:43; Acts 13:36; 2 Cor. 5:1,6,8; Phil. 1:23; Heb. 12:23; 1 Pet. 3:19; Jude 6,7

Question #1 – WHAT IS DEATH?

1st – SPIRITUAL DEATH – separation or disaffection of the soul from God – Isaiah 59:2, 9-10... Ephesians 2:1,5... 4:17-19

2nd – PHYSICAL DEATH – separation of the soul from the body – James 2:26... Job 7:6-10

3rd – ETERNAL DEATH – separation and disaffection of the soul from God realized and made permanent – 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10... John 5:26-29... Daniel 12:2... Matthew 25:46

Question #2 – WHY IS THERE DEATH? – Genesis 2:16-17... Ezekiel 18:4... Romans 6:23... Hebrews 9:27



Doctrine of Imputation – Romans 4:3-8

1st – Adam’s sin was imputed to all who were in him – Romans 5:12-14

2nd – The Believer’s sin was imputed to Christ – Romans 5:6,8

3rd – Christ’s righteousness is imputed to all who were in him – Romans 5:19-21

Question #3 – WHY DO BELIEVERS HAVE TO DIE?

1st – _____ – John 21:18-19

2nd – _____ – Romans 8:28-29

William Jay, Evening Exercises, (p. 100) – ‘In the case of the Christian...the body is dead not only because of the desert of sin, but the removal of it. During life there is an internal war in believers: the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another... Death ends the strife, by killing one of the parties and making the other more than a conqueror... It may be asked, if Christ has redeemed them, bearing their sin in His own body on the tree, and they are justified by His blood and saved from wrath through Him, why do they yet die?... Christ has abolished death as far as it is a curse; and thus the Christian does not die; there is nothing penal in his death; yea death is a privilege, a deliverer. It delivers him not only from a world lying in wickedness, but from the plague of his own heart, from his inbred corruptions, and even from the flesh and blood which cannot without change and renovation inherit the kingdom of God. Thus the enemy is converted into a friend.’

Question #4 – WHAT SHOULD OUR ATTITUDE BE ABOUT DEATH? –

Psalm 116:15... Revelation 14:13... Philippians 1:21,23... 2 Corinthians 5:6-8