

INTRODUCTION

A. ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH & LIFE (*Westminster Confession & R.P. Testimony* chp.32, *On the State of Men After Death and the Resurrection of the Dead*; see *Larger Catechism*, 84-87; *Shorter Catechism*, 37,38); outlines & audio of sermons in this series at www.oswegorpc.org)

B. REQUESTS FOR ISSUES, TOPICS, PASSAGES, ETC. (foyer boxes, email oswegorpc@hotmail.com or call or text 517-630-6325)

POINT: REST IN PEACE (Heb.2:15; 1Th.4:18,13f; see Ps.139:8; Lk.12:5; 1Cor.15)

I. AT DEATH

A. TORN: BODY & SPIRIT (Eccl.12:7; Gen.2:7; 3:19; Mt.19:6; see 2Cor.5:8,1f; Jms.2:26)

B. RIGHTEOUS: FAITH & OBEDIENCE (Rom.1-8; Eph.2:1-10)

1. *union with Christ* (Rom.6:5; 8:17; 1Cor.15:18,22,58; 1Th.4:16,17; Rev.14:13; see Ps.139:8; Heb.13:5; see Ps.16:9-11 with 17:15)

2. *spirit received by God in completion, joy & hope* (2Cor.5:8; Phil.1:23; Lk.23:43; Ps.139:8; see Heb.12:23; Rom.6:7; Rev.14:13; see Rom.8:23; 2Cor.5:2f; Rev.6:9f)

3. *body reserved in grave as in bed* (Is.57:1,2(LC,86); see Acts 13:36; Lk.8:52; Jn.11:11f; 1Cor.15:18; 1Th.4:13,15; see Ps.17:15; Job 19:26,27)

C. UNRIGHTEOUS: UNBELIEF & DISOBEDIENCE (Rom.1:18f; 2:1f)

1. *spirit rejected by God in wrath, sorrow & dread* (Mt.8:12; 22:13; 25:30; Lk.16:23; Acts 1:25; 1Tm.5:24)

2. *body reserved in grave as in prison* (Jude 1:6; 1Pt.3:19,20(LC,86); 2Pt.2:9)

II. AT RESURRECTION

A. HEALED: TRANSFORMED, RE-FORMED (Acts 3:21; 2Pt.3:11; see 1Cor.15:51f; 1Th.4:12f)

B. RIGHTEOUS: BODY ALSO RECEIVED (I,B; see 1Cor.15:42f,44; Phil.3:21; 1Th.4:17; Rev.6:11; 7:9f; see Ps.17:15; Job 19:26f)

C. UNRIGHTEOUS: BODY ALSO REJECTED (I,C; see Dan.12:2; Jn.5:28f; Jn.11:24; Acts 24:15; 2Th.1:9)

III. CONCLUSIONS & COMMENTS

A. TURN TO CHRIST SO THAT IN LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOU WILL BE BLESSED!
(Rom.6:4f; Heb.12:23; 2Cor.4:16-10; 1Cor.15)

B. YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL PUT YOU TO BED! (Ps.116:15; 139:16,8; Rev.14:13)

C. IN CHRIST, DEATH IS TRANSFORMED FROM ETERNAL PUNISHMENT TO FINAL DISCIPLINE (1Cor.15:21f; Is.57:1,2; 2Kngs.22:20; 2Cor.4:16-18; Heb.12:28)

D. HERE & THERE: PERSON OF THE BODY (Gen.2:7; Eccl.12:7; see Dan.12:2; Jn.5:28f; Jn.11:24; Acts 23:6)

E. "PURGATORY" IS REAL! (2Cor.4:16f; 1Pt.1:6; 4:12f; Heb.12:28)

F. NO SECOND CHANCES OR REINCARNATION (Heb.9:27; see Lk.16:20f; 23:43; 1Pt.3:19)

G. CONSCIOUSNESS IN SLEEP (Lk.16:20f; Rev.6:9f; see Heb.12:23; Phil.1:23; 2Cor.5:1-9; see Song 5:2)

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Discussion question:

*Brethren, what shall **WE do**? (see Acts 2:37f)*