

## What Happens When a Christian Dies? 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Hebrews 12:22-24

God recreates the new heaven and the new earth at the end of the \_\_\_\_\_

Christians are resurrected—their spirits reunited with their bodies—when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

Until these events take place, when a Christian dies he is what theologians call the \_\_\_\_\_ state

### I. AFTER DEATH THE BELIEVER IS \_\_\_\_\_

A. If believers die before Jesus returns, their spirits will be “unclothed” by a \_\_\_\_\_

*Paul uses the word “naked” to describe the intermediate state because it is \_\_\_\_\_*

B. At home in the body & absent from the Lord vs absent from the body & at home with the Lord

1) Currently we are not absent from the Lord in a spiritual sense, but we are absent \_\_\_\_\_

2) At death the believer is absent from the body: the word “absent” can be translated \_\_\_\_\_

3) For the believer the definition of death is not extinction but \_\_\_\_\_ from the body

### II. AFTER DEATH THE BELIEVER IS IN DIRECT FELLOWSHIP WITH THE \_\_\_\_\_

A. At death, the believer is “at home” with the Lord—the word suggests feelings of \_\_\_\_\_

B. “With the Lord” is used in John 1:1 to describe the relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

1) Even though we will be disembodied after death, we will be “nose to nose” with \_\_\_\_\_

2) Even though we will be disembodied, Paul called being with Christ \_\_\_\_\_

3) Psalm 16:11: in the Lord’s presence is fullness of \_\_\_\_\_ and pleasures forevermore

*Hebrews 12:18-21 is a summary of the fearful legalism that Jewish Christians left behind*

*Hebrews 12:22-24 is a summary of the advantages that all Christians have in Jesus Christ*

*One of the advantages of being a Christian—we belong to the people of God, described in 2 ways:*

*1) The 1<sup>st</sup> group: members of the church whose names are written in heaven but are still \_\_\_\_\_*

*2) The 2<sup>nd</sup> group: “the spirits of just men made perfect”—all believers who have already \_\_\_\_\_*

### III. AFTER DEATH THE BELIEVER IS MADE \_\_\_\_\_

A. The moment we die, we become sinless: we finally lose our sin \_\_\_\_\_

B. At death, we reach the goal that God always had for us, the meaning of the word \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. AFTER DEATH THE BELIEVER IS WITH OTHER BELIEVERS WHO HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE PAST

*If our spirits are with Christ after death, then our spirits are also with \_\_\_\_\_ who are with Christ*

### DOES LUKE 16 TEACH THAT WE HAVE SOME KIND OF TEMPORARY BODY AFTER DEATH?

1) To take Luke 16 literally would make the clear teaching of 2 Corinthians 5 seem \_\_\_\_\_

2) If we take the details in Luke 16 literally, we must take ALL the details literally, which \_\_\_\_\_ does

3) The best way to interpret this story is like a parable—it is intended to teach \_\_\_\_\_ main point

4) Jesus seems to have difficulty describing the intermediate state without talking about \_\_\_\_\_