

Subject: The Hope of Heaven – Part 2

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Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE? (Part 1)

1 Thessalonians 4:13 *“Brothers, we don’t not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope”*

According to the Bible, there are five universal steps that every person whether a believer or non-believer will go through when they die.

STEP #1 – _____ OF THE _____ FROM THE _____.

The primary concept of death is to be “_____”.

Acts 7:59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Luke 8:55 *[After Jesus brings a young girl back to life it says] Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.*

What death is not.

1. *Matthew 25:46*
2. *Rev. 21:3*
3. *Hebrews 9:27*

STEP #2 – YOUR SPIRIT/SOUL GOES TO ITS NEW _____.

Before our spirit/soul continues on however, we face judgment, what is called the _____ of _____.

There are only two potential destinations...

The intermediate Heaven

- 1) The intermediate Heaven is _____ from the Earth.

- 2) The intermediate Heaven is in a different _____ of space and time. *Acts 7:55-56, 2 Kings 6:17*
- 3) We will be _____ in the intermediate heaven. *Luke 16:22-31, Luke 23:43, Revelation 6:9-11*
- 4) We will have _____ in the intermediate Heaven. *Rev 10:9-10, 2 Cor. 12:3, Acts 1:11*
- 5) The intermediate Heaven is not our _____ destination.

The intermediate Hell

There are two Greek words in the New Testament for our one English word for “Hell”.

“Hades” - which refers to the present _____ abode of the dead. *Luke 16:23*

“Gehenna” - which refers to the final or _____ abode of the dead after judgment. *Mark 9:47-48*

From the story of Luke 16:19-31 we know...

- 1) The intermediate Hell is a _____ place. *Matthew 10:28*
- 2) You will be _____ in the intermediate Hell.
- 3) The intermediate Hell is a place of _____.
- 4) You cannot _____ the intermediate Hell to the intermediate Heaven.
- 5) The intermediate Hell is not the _____ destination. *Revelation 20:14*