

When I Die. 1 Corinthians 15

Introduction: your view of death will greatly affect the way you live your life.

We don't like to talk about it.

Heb. 9:27 appointed to man once to die, then he judgment.

What happens when you die (seven options from every major religion)

1. Nothing happens (atheist)
2. You start over (reincarnation hindu, New Age, Christian Scientist)
3. Blessed nothingness Nirvana
4. Return to space (Scientology) Thetan
5. Purgatory/Limbo. Catholic doctrine
6. Soul sleep.
7. Hell. Eternal torment. Heaven. Life with Christ

Five fundamental facts

1. **Our appointment with death**, 1 Cor 15:21-22 For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Sin produced death, 1 Cor 15:56 The sting of death is sin

Sin and Death passed from Adam to all people, Romans 5:12

All will die unless Jesus comes first, Heb 9:27

Death is great equalizer: it makes all of us equal.

Luke 16:22 Rich man and Lazarus dies together

2. **Our transition through death**, 1 Cor 15:51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ***in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye***, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Illustration of airport and people saying goodbye

Our body is here, our spirit with the Lord, 2 Cor 5:8

Rich man/Lazarus, Lk 16:22-23 Lazarus carried, rich man awakened

3. **Our Transformation in Death**, 15:51, 53, 42ff

Anchor life institute Scottsdale, AZ. People cryogenic frozen

We shall be changed...

Corruption to incorruption

Dishonor to glory

weakness to power

Natural body to Spiritual body

4. **Our Destination After Death**, 1 Cor. 15:48-49 As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man*, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*

Two options

Hell, designed for Satan and his angels

Heaven, a place built for you by Jesus

Don't travel towards the place you don't want to go.

5. **Our victory over death**, 1 Cor. 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus has overcome the enemy