



# Lesson 6

## *Life After Death*

### **Key Verse:**

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many” *Hebrews 9:27*

### **Key Words:**

- judgment
  
- soul
  
- eternity
  
- resurrection
  
- heaven
  
- hell

### **Key Points:**

- First we are born. By nature we are unrighteous (bad): we are driven to sin. But God provides a way for us to be made righteous (good). We have only our lifetimes to choose whether we will take God’s way or not. After death, it is too late.

- When we die, what really happens is that our body stops working, and our soul (the real you) leaves. Our souls will never cease to exist, even when our bodies do. The Bible uses the picture of people wearing clothes, or living in a building. Our bodies are the “clothes” or the “building” that our true selves live in. When we die, it’s as though our souls are temporarily unclothed.

*Read: 2 Corinthians 5:1-4*

- Once the soul leaves the body, it goes to one of two places. They are temporary holding places for the soul. The righteous go to a place of joy and peace we call Paradise, or Heaven. The unrighteous go to a place of pain and sadness we call Hell.

*Read: Luke 16:19-26*

- There is coming a day when there will be a resurrection for the righteous **and** the unrighteous. They will be given new, different bodies that do not die.

*Read: Acts 24:14-15*

- There will be a judgment. But this will not be to decide where they spend Eternity. That has already been decided the moment they die. For the righteous, the judgment will examine and reward all the good things in a person's lifetime. For the unrighteous, the judgment will uncover all the evil in a person's lifetime.
- The righteous will spend all Eternity with God in a renewed heaven and earth.
- The unrighteous will spend all Eternity in The Lake of Fire, suffering for their sins.

Read: Matthew 25:46

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:15

Read: Revelation 20:11-15

Read: Revelation 21:1-4

### **Questions:**

1. Is death the end for human beings? Why or why not?
2. What are the two places that people go to after they die?
3. What does resurrection mean?
4. Who will be resurrected?
5. What does Revelation 20:11-15 tell us about the judgment day?