

**Things To Know Before You Go**  
**Death: What Happens the Second You Die**  
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*...nothing in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39)*

**What you believe about what happens when you die determines how you live today.**

*It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. (Ecclesiastes 7:2)*

*There is a time to be born and a time to die! (Ecclesiastes 3:2)*

*“...I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die...” (John 11:25-26)*

*“Truly, Truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.” (John 8:51)*

*There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. (Luke 16:19-22)*

*The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, “Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.” But Abraham replied, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.” He answered, “Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.” “No, father Abraham,” he said, “but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” (Luke 16:22-31)*

**1) At the moment of death your soul leaves your body.**

*...the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. (Ecclesiastes 12:7)*

*As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” (Acts 7:59)*

*To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:8)*

“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”—C.S. Lewis

## **2) Your soul enters into a place of waiting until the second coming of Jesus.**

*The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side.*  
(Luke 16:22)

*“Today you will be with me in paradise.”* (Luke 23:43)

*But I am hard pressed from both directions having the desire to depart and be with Christ...*  
(Philippians 1:23)

*And in Hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment...* (Luke 16:33)

### **The moment you die your eternity is determined.**

*...you are destined to die once, and after that to face the judgment.* (Hebrews 9:27)

“We don’t face a nothingness of non-existence after death; instead, we either face an eternity with God or separated from him.”—Clay Jones

*“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”* (Matthew 10:28)