

# Life's Journey to the End

## Introduction

1. **Journey's require planning, preparation, a vehicle, financing, pursuit, and the destination (end) to have rest and relaxation.**
2. **Some people spend more time planning their vacation than they do in planning their life and preparing for eternity.**

**Life is a Journey, the Body is the vehicle, the Spirit is the Passenger**

## The Body Transports the Spirit

1. **The body is the vehicle that is used to transport the Spirit.**

2 Cor 5:1-2 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

2. **The body is not the real individual.**

2 Cor 12:3 And I know such a man-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--

3. **The Bible distinguishes between Flesh and Spirit, and teaches Both.**

2 Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## **The Spirit of Mankind Is Eternal**

### **1. Belongs to God.**

Eccl 12:7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

### **2. The Spirit goes upward.**

Eccl 3:21 Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?

### **3. God received Christ's Spirit.**

Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

#### **A. He also received the Spirit of Stephen.**

Acts 7:59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

### **4. The Soul of man leaves the Body at Death.**

#### **Genesis 35:16-19**

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

## **The Resurrection of the Dead**

### **1. The Resurrection was taught by the Prophets.**

Isa 26:19 Your dead shall live; together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Dan 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

### **2. Christ proved the resurrection of the dead to be a reality through Him.**

**John 11:43-44**

1 Cor 15:20-21 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

### **3. All people will one day be raised.**

1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

### **4. Our body will be transformed into a new body.**

**1 Corinthians 15:42-44**

## **The End of the Journey - Judgment**

### **1. There will certainly be a “future.”**

**Acts 17:30-31**

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

John 12:48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

### **2. All of mankind will be judged - there is no way to avoid it!**

**Romans 14:10-12**

### **3. The judgment will be according to our deeds. This being so, we better be make sure we are living more than a “faith only” religion!**

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

### **4. Christ will be that judge. He wrote the law and He fully expects for us to obey that law if we want eternal salvation (Heb 5:9).**

2 Tim 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

### **5. There will be a separation that will take place at judgment.**

**Matthew 25:31-32**

## **The Wicked Shall Be Punished:**

### **1. This is a certainty.**

Ps 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

### **2. The wicked shall be punished!** **Revelation 20:12-15**

### **3. The punishment will be an eternal punishment!** **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

Matt 25:41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

### **4. The eternal death is just as long as the eternal life.**

Matt 25:46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## Conclusion:

1. **When we plan our journey of life, make sure we are making plans to journey through an eternity in beautiful Heaven!**

**1 John 3:1-2**

1 Pet 1:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

Rev 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

2. **The question is: Will you obey Jesus?**

**A. Obedience to Jesus stands between every individual and the hope of everlasting life!**

3. **What journey will you take your body through on the road of life?**

**A. Are you striving for the beautiful home of heaven or are you on a crash course to hell?**

4. **What will your answer be?**

## Invitation

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