

## The #1 Reason I Don't Want to Go to Heaven

*(How to face and overcome your fear of what's beyond death)*

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"Where, O death, is your **victory**? Where, O death, is your sting? But thanks be to God! He gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 15:55 & 57)

### Observations on death

If I don't **think about it**; it **won't happen**.

". . . a wise man thinks much of death, while the fool thinks only of having a good time now." (Eccl 7:3-4)

Death is the **great equalizer**.

"For the wise and fool both die, . . . ." (Eccl 2:16)

Death will **separate some**.

"...bringing judgment on **those who do not wish to know God** and who refuse to accept his plan to save them through our Lord Jesus Christ. They will be punished in everlasting hell, **forever separated from the Lord, never to see the glory of his power**" (2 Th 1:8-9)

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." (Rev 21:11)

Death will **restore others**.

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" (Rev 21:3-4)

There will be a time **of accountability**.

"And just as it is destined that men die only once, and after that comes judgment," (Heb 9:27)

I may never be **ready**, but I am always **prepared**.

### Questions I have

Will I be **better off**?

"For instance, we know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade—and we'll never have to relocate our 'tents' again. Sometimes we can hardly wait to move—and so we cry out in frustration. Compared to what's coming, living conditions around here seem like a stopover in an unfurnished shack, and we're tired of it!" (2 Corinthians 5 The Msg)

Can I be **sure**?

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah,'" (John 11:25-27)

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:11-13)