What happens when we die?

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INTRODUCTION

- If you've come tonight to hear what I think about death and dying, it won't be of very great value to you. But you're holding a better option.
- I am the first and the last and the living one. And I was dead. And behold, I am alive forevermore.
- One of the reasons that Christians do not have to fear death and dying is because we are not going anywhere where our master has not already been and where he does not already reign.

1 Death Is Not the End

Matthew 10:28; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:21–23

- The Bible teaches us, first of all, that death is not the end.
- Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul.
- Jesus is saying there's more to a man than the physical machine, that there is a soul that survives physical death.
- Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise.
- If all there is to us is the physical body, and if, as the atheist says, when it's dead, it's all over, how could death ever be gain?
- Each of us, good or bad, however we may live this life, possess a soul that will continue on after the body dies.

2 We Are Conscious After Death

Luke 16:24–27

- Secondly, we also know that we are conscious after death.
- Death does not resign us to a state of extended sleep or a dreamlike state or some state where we're not aware of what's happening around us.
- The rich man's memory is clearly intact. He remembers Lazarus. He remembers his brothers.
- These people are conscious and awake and aware of their surroundings, memories intact.
- Even the parables of Jesus, ladies and gentlemen, were always based in reality.
- It is still an accurate picture of what happens to men when they die and cannot be so lightly dismissed.

3 The Righteous and the Wicked Are Separated at Death

- In this story we find that the righteous and the wicked are separated at death.
- These two men had very different experiences in life, and listen, they're having very different experiences.

MY NOTES