

# What happens after death?

## INTRODUCTION

**From the human point of view**, when a person dies his body is either buried in a semitery or it is cremated in a crematorium and the ashes either preserved by the loved ones or thrown away into the dust. No one knows beyond the grave.

**From God's point of view**, their souls will live eternally either in Heaven or in the Lake of fire depends the state of their faith in God.

Those lived a life of faith and obedience will be given Eternal Life and taken to Heaven.

But those who rejected God's provision for their sins and lived a disobedient life will be taken before the judgement seat of God and will be judged to eternal death and thrown into the Lake of Fire for ever.

Most religions teach there is a God and that **we must do more and more good deeds** if we want to get to Heaven. If this is true, then the responsibility lies with us; in other words,

**if we fail to get to heaven, it's our fault.** Yet, even if we do our best, there is no guarantee that we will get to heaven because,

the question '**How much good is good enough?**' remains unanswered.

The Bible says in **Isaiah 64:6**, "*All our righteous deeds are like filthy rags*". In other words, we could never be good enough.

As we search for answers that will give us the assurance, we must make sure that whoever makes promises about our eternal destiny is able to fulfil them.

➤ **Only an eternal God could keep eternal promises**

It is important to note that mortal men could make eternal promises, but will not be able to keep them once they die. But how do we identify God and man? Let's look at an illustration to identify **petrol** and **water**. As petrol is flammable, we could use **FIRE TEST**.

### FIRE TEST



If you throw a lighted match in a glass of water, the flame will be extinguished. But if you throw another lighted match in a glass of petrol, it



will catch fire and could explode! **From this test we could identify petrol from water.**

Similarly, **How do we identify God from man?**

**IMMORTALITY TEST IDENTIFIES GOD FROM MAN**

**Man is mortal and God is immortal. Therefore, we should use the "IMMORTALITY TEST" on the man who claims to be God.**

**Jesus was a man who claimed to be God.**

The Bible says that,

John 10:30, "*I and the Father (GOD) are One*".

John 14:9, "*He who has seen Me, has seen the Father*".

John 11:25, 26, "*I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone, who believes in Me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in Me and shall never perish.*"

Of course it is possible for men to claim to be God, you say. **Therefore we should apply the IMMORTALITY TEST on them.** So the next question is:

➤ **DID JESUS SUPPORT HIS CLAIMS?**

**Yes indeed!** One of the characteristics of God is He has power over life and death.

We are told in the Bible **Jesus raised a man named Lazarus from the dead**, John 11:40-46; a **rabbi's daughter from the dead**, Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25; and a **widow's son from the dead**, Luke 7:11-15.

If you study the life and miracles of Jesus Christ, you will see that He **also** demonstrated **power over diseases**, Luke 17:11-19; **nature**, Matthew 8:23-27; and **demons**, Luke 4:33-37.

➤ **JESUS CONQUERED DEATH**

Christ said in **Revelation 1:18**, "*I am the living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades (Hell)*"-- the **greatest miracle** of all, by this He proved that He had **conquered sin and death**.

Read John Chapters 20-21 for a full account of the resurrection of Jesus.

**If a man claims to be God and dies and never comes back to life again, he is but a dead man who has made empty claims.** Romans 1:4, "*By being raised from the dead, He (JESUS) was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God Himself.*"

**As Jesus has proved to be God, He could make and keep all Eternal promises.**

**MORTALITY TEST HAS VALIDATED JESUS' CLAIM TO BE GOD.**

2 Corinthians 1:19-20, "*Jesus Christ the Son of God isn't one to say "YES" when He means "NO", He always does exactly what He says. He carries out and fulfils all of God's promises no matter how many of them there are, and we have told every one how faithful He is, giving glory to His Name*". Therefore we could trust Him fully to fulfil all His future promises.

The Bible also says,

John 1:3, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."*

John 1:14, *"And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth. And some of us have seen His glory - the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father."*

John 1: 18, *"No one has ever actually seen God, but, of course his only Son has, for He is the companion of the Father and has told us all about Him."*

If a man has not seen God, he is unqualified to tell us what God is like or how to get to heaven where God is. Therefore, **no one is qualified to help us find God except Jesus!**

Since I received Him as my Saviour and Lord I have the assurance that my sins have been forgiven, and I have peace with God and eternal life on the basis of God's promises. You may be asking, "How could I receive Jesus Christ as my saviour and Lord?" The following explains how you can receive Christ:

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