

## Where do we go when we die? in Edward Rangel

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### Traditions



Egyptians designed pyramids for their dead.

Chinese built huge emperor tombs.

Vikings dressed fallen warriors and released them to the wind in burning ships.

Crusaders in the Middle Ages believed they gained a more favorable afterlife if they died in battle, as did the Japanese kamikazes later.

American Indians buried weapons and tools with their dead, for use in the Happy Hunting Ground.

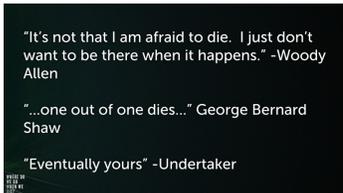
Men also feared death.

King Louis 15 forbade servants to mention death in his presence.

A Chinese superstition held that mentioning death invites it.

People now tend to ignore death or try to postpone it as long as possible.

### Quotations



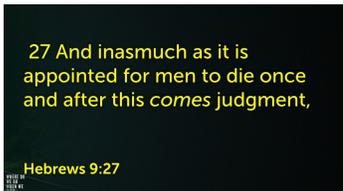
Woody Allen quipped: "It's not that I am afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens."

Yet nothing in life is as certain.

George Bernard Shaw observed that "the statistics about death are very impressive—one out of one dies."

The undertaker who signed his correspondence, "Eventually yours" was right.

### Hebrews 9:27



The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

What does the Bible say about man's journey to eternity?

Conception: God Unites, Man Beg...



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### God Unites, Man Begins

- Man is a multi-dimensional being (body, soul, spirit)
- Two dimensions - spiritual/physical
- Life begins when body is united with soul
- Soul is part that makes man like God
- John 11:26

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"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; **and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete**, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:23

"For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, **even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and able to [a]judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Heb. 4:12

Animals have body and life, but not an eternal spirit

Animals die and cease to exist, **man has personhood in the image of God.**

Adam/we were made from dust, but that does not make us humans, the breath of God fused us with His likeness (Gen. 2:7; 1:26-27; Mat. 10:20)

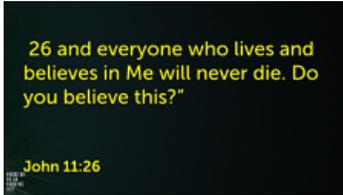
Conception:

Life begins at conception and the body is united with the spirit - thus a living soul - (Father of Spirits Hebrews 12:9); (I will give thanks because I am awesomely and wonderfully made..and my soul knows it very well Psalm 139:14-16); 2 Cor. 5:1

The spirit is what departs and ascends when the body dies (Gen. 35:18 - during Benjamin's birth his mother's spirit departed as she died; Luke 23:46 - Into Your hands I commend My spirit)

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Jesus said if we believe in Him, we will not die (**John 11:26**)...what does that mean?

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Death: Man Separates/God Sorts



Evolutionary worldview and some religions (Jehovah's Witnesses) believe that death is the end, when one dies one simply goes out of existence.

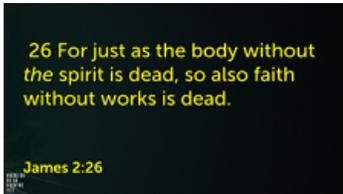
Biblical view, death is a transition from this world to an unseen eternal world

James 2:26 defines death as a body without the spirit

Ecl. 12:7 the body goes to dust and the spirit returns to God

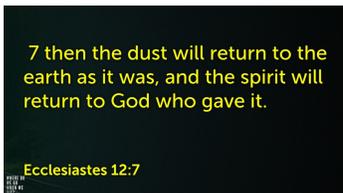
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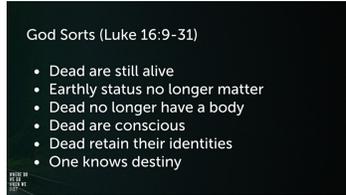


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Ecclesiastes 12:7



### God Sorts - 1



At death God sorts people into two groups: saved and lost (Luke 16:19-31)

Dead continue to live: rich man and Lazarus continued to live on in eternity

Earthly status no longer mattered-neither rich or poor mattered

Dead no longer had physical bodies (2 Cor. 5:1-8 )

Dead are conscious rich man realized he was in torment

Dead retain their identities and recognize each other (recognized Lazarus and Abraham)

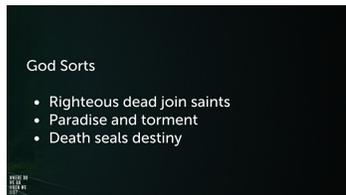
At death our destinies are sealed, judgment day final sentence, and reason will be revealed

2 Cor. 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds *done* through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

Ecc. 12:13-14 - For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

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### God Sorts - 2

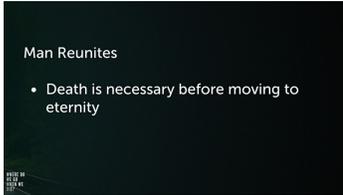


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### Resurrection: Man Reunites/God ...



## Man Reunites



### Man Reunites

Death is necessary in order to move on into eternity

1 Cor. 15:50 - "Now I say this, brothers *and sisters*, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."

No matter what happens to our bodies (dust, cremated) one day they will be resurrected

1 Cor. 15:22 - "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive."

**John 5:28-29** - "a time is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, **29** and will come out: those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the bad *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment."

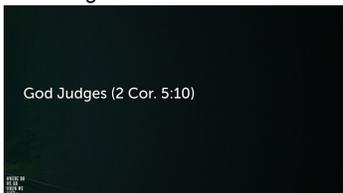
**Rev. 20:13** - "And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and they were judged, each one *of them* according to their deeds."

The living at 2nd coming will be changed (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

"...we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, **52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

Resurrected bodies will be immortal (1 Cor. 15:42-55), and our bodies will be like Christ's (Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Thess. 3:13; 4:13-17)

## God Judges



## 2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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**Judgment Scene:** Rev. 20:12-15: "And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and [a]books were opened; and another [b]book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the [c]books, according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and they were judged, each one *of them* according to their deeds. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if [d]anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

At judgement God will reward:

Good deeds: Matthew 16:27; "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every person according to his [a]deeds."

Evil deed: Gal. 5:21; "envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

## Eternity: God Reigns/Man Lives

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## Revelation 19:6

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

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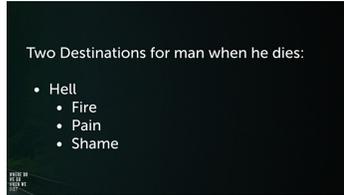
## John 5:29-Two Destinations

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## Man LIVES! Two Destinations



### Man Lives

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Hell:

Fire: (Mat. 3:11-12; 13:42; Mk. 9:43-48; Rev. 20:14)

Pain: place where worm never dies, prison with no rest, fire never burns out, darkness (Mat. 8:12; Mk. 9:43-48; Rev. 14:11)

Shame: "but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt." (Dan. 12:2)

## Main



Death is feared by most if not all, but it is such a sweet release for those who die in Christ.

What makes death feared by many is that of the unknown:

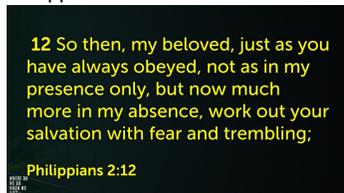
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Don't know what happens

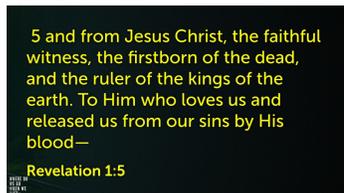
Don't know what to do to make sure we make it to heaven...

But all those questions and doubts are not necessary because the Bible indeed gives us the answers!

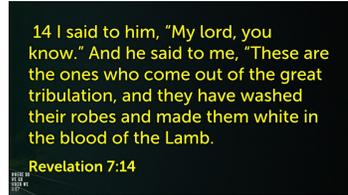
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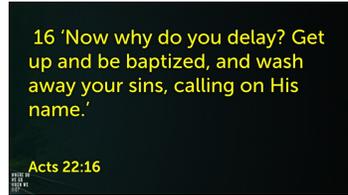
## Revelation 1:5



### Revelation 7:14



### Acts 22:16



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