## Death's Dark Door What Really Happens After Death?



"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: " [ Hebrews 9:27 ]

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." [ 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-14 ] Printed in the U.S.A.

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If there is a central issue in the Christian Religion, or for that matter ANY religion, is there one more relevant and essential than the question of what happens to us after we reach the end of our lifetime? Most religious teachings focus a great deal on this issue, not only on the matter of death, but what takes place after we die. Ones' eternal destiny preoccupies most worshippers and always has. Even the pagan world considered the matter enormously important, developing elaborate theories as to what a person might expect in 'the great beyond'.

Then we have the matter of ones' religious persuasion being factored into their destiny, and, more than just that, a person's conduct in life, whether the person was righteous, or wicked, or even just plain disinterested!

It is the rare thinking religious person who hasn't, at some point in his churchgoing lifetime, struggled with the question of whether or not he or she understands the full truth regarding the all-important subject of what happens after we die. Much of that involves concern for loved ones who have not met the standards regarded as so necessary for salvation.

Then again, there is that contingent of worshipper who accepts what they were told from childhood, never bothering to consider the all-important questions.

This booklet is intended to acquaint sincere believers with information not usually discussed in established church denominations. Is it a verifiable fact that we go SOMEWHERE after we die, and if so, WHERE?

The Bible is not silent on this matter. Yet, most religions completely lay aside what it does reveal, particularly those insightful passages that don't compare favorably with their preferred teachings. In this booklet, we'll consider many of those passages, especially those which are commonly used attempting to support the prevailing after-life belief system.

Prepare yourself for some pleasant surprises.

What is most unfortunate in the prevailing belief system is the necessary rejection of many fundamental Biblical teachings, such as the essential multiple resurrections of the dead, the millennial Kingdom of God on earth and the regenerative aspect of salvation in which mortal humans can be made immortal, changed from flesh to spirit and brought into the very Family of God! It isn't only a matter of where our deceased remains spend endless eternity, but what we can become after our all-important resurrection to Eternal Life and how we can be used in the coming age to rule with Christ to provide the same opportunity to the rest, as it is God's PLAN that the opportunity for salvation be extended to all. (Not that all will necessarily avail themselves of it.) This perhaps is the greater oversight on the part of religion in general.

The many FREE booklets listed on pages 47 and 48 will further explain these underexplained Biblical teachings. Rich Traver