

What happens when I die? – 2Cor.5:1-10; Lk.16:19-31

1. Death – a vicious enemy

a. It's power

- no-one can resist – Ps.89:48; Is.28:15,18
- it cuts us off – Ps.88:10-12

b. It's origin – Gen.2:17; 3:19; ch.5; Ps.90:3-10; Rom.5:12-21; 6:23

c. It's defeat – Heb.2:14,15; Rom.6:9,10; 1Cor.15:54-57; Rev.20:14; 21:4

2. Life after death

The Bible gives us a “whisper” about:-

a. The realm of the dead (Sheol)-

Gen.37:35;42:38; Job.17:13,16

b. A separation in Sheol/Hades

- Unbeliever suffers – Lk.16:23,24,28

- Believer is with Christ – Lk.16:22,23;
23:42,43; Phil.1:21-23

c. The focus is on the resurrection & the new creation

2 Cor.5:1-10

Earthly tent

Groan, burdened-v.2,4

Mortal/temporary-v.4

Taste of heaven-v.5

With our body-v.6

Living by faith-v.7

Apprenticeship-v.9,10

Eternal house

Fullness of joy

Immortal/life

Heaven

With Christ

Seeing clearly

Fully qualified

3. Living NOW

- a. Our future depends on what we do now
 - 2 destinies – Lk.16:19-31
 - Jesus – the only bridge from earth to heaven
 - faith in Christ is visible – 2Cor.5:9,10
 - b. Living the LIFE TO COME-2Cor.4:7-10,16
 - c. Being prepared for death – God has prepared a wonderful, certain future – 2Cor.5:5; 4:17
- Death – a defeated enemy, a servant to open the door to glory

Living now

Bereaved – we mourn with hope

Older – “Outwardly you may be getting nearer and nearer to death, but inwardly, you are getting nearer and nearer to glory - -- the best is yet to be”

Younger – make it your aim to please Christ.
Don't settle for small ambitions

Non-Christian – Trust in Christ as Saviour & Lord, before it is too late