

What Happens When We Die?

(Part 2)

Selected Scriptures

I. Death And The **Believer**

- A. Understanding What **We Really Are** (Genesis 2:7)
- B. Understanding What **Death Really Is** (Ecclesiastes 12:7)
- C. Understanding What Actually _____ When We _____

What does the SPIRIT of a believer experience in Heaven the instant they die?

II Corinthians 12:2-4

These verses are actually part of Paul's defense of his _____ authority.

- ***"I know a man in Christ..."***

In his effort to demonstrate _____, Paul spoke of this event in the third person, referring to himself as ***"a man in Christ."*** (II Corinthians 12:7)

- ***"I know a man in Christ who...was caught up to the third heaven"***

The word translated ***"caught up"*** is the same word used in I Thessalonians 4:17 to describe the _____ of the Church.

In the O.T., the word ***"heaven"*** was actually used to refer to **3** different realms:

The **1st realm** is the _____ heaven. (Isa. 55:10; Ps. 104:12)

The **2nd realm** is the _____ heaven. (Ps. 8:3-4; Isa. 13:10)

The **3rd realm** is the _____ heaven. (Ps. 33:13-14; Isa. 66:1; Matt. 6:9)

- ***"I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago..."***

As it relates to the _____ of this incredible experience, Paul says that it happened about fourteen years before he wrote to the Corinthians.

- ***"...whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows."***

I Corinthians 15:50

Before our bodies can ever enter Heaven, they first must be changed from _____ to _____ by the power of God.

When a believer dies and their spirit enters the presence of God, it will feel more _____ than earthly life ever did or ever could!

Although the Bible doesn't give us a comprehensive picture of everything that a believer's spirit will experience immediately after death, it does give us some incredible glimpses:

- 1) ***At the moment of death, our spirit will be _____ and _____ united with Jesus Christ!*** (II Corinthians 5:8; Philipians 1:23)
- 2) ***At the moment of death, our spirit will experience unimaginable and incomprehensible _____.*** (Ps. 16:1; 17:15; 21:6; Phil. 1:21; II Cor. 5:8, John 16:22)
- 3) ***At the moment of death, our spirit will immediately experience indescribable _____, _____ and _____.*** (Revelation 14:13)
- 4) ***At the moment of death, our spirit will experience unrestrained _____ and uninhibited _____.*** (Revelation 7:9-10; Hebrews 12:1)
- 5) ***At the moment of death, our spirit will immediately be made _____, set free from the effects sin.*** (Hebrews 12:22-23)
- 6) ***At the moment of death, our spirit will begin to anxiously await our resurrected and glorified _____.*** (I Corinthians 15:50-55; I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Right now, in Heaven, believers exist in a _____ spiritual state, perfectly conscious and joyful, while awaiting their resurrected and glorified body.

Conclusion:

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.” I Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)