

## Chapter 31 – The State of Man after Death and the Resurrection of the Dead - #2

**Para. #1** – *The bodies of men after death return to dust and suffer decay, but their souls which neither die nor sink into a state of unconsciousness—they are inherently immortal—immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous, whose holiness is at death perfected, are received into paradise, where they are with Christ, looking upon the face of God in light and glory, and waiting for the full redemption of their bodies. The souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torment and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day. Souls separated from their bodies are in either paradise or hell, for the Scripture speaks of no other abodes of the departed. – Gen. 3:19; Eccles. 12:7; Luke 16:23,24; 23:43; Acts 13:36; 2 Cor. 5:1,6,8; Phil. 1:23; Heb. 12:23; 1 Pet. 3:19; Jude 6,7*

### **Paragraph #1 – What Happens After Death?** – (the intermediate state)

**1<sup>st</sup> – THE SOUL IS SEPARATED FROM THE BODY** – Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 1 Corinthians 6:20; James 2:26; Matthew 10:28

*Loraine Boettner, Immortality (pp.40,42) – ‘Human life is a boundless adventure which is to continue on through all eternity. The present life is but the first stage of a long career. What we call death is not the end, but only the entrance of the soul into a new and more wondrous world. By its very nature this transition must be mysterious and awe-inspiring... we may be sure that the first five minutes after death will bring experiences for the soul far more remarkable and awesome than anything that ever has been experienced in this world.’*

**2<sup>nd</sup> – THE RIGHTEOUS ARE SEPARATED FROM THE WICKED**

**(1<sup>st</sup>) THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS** are;

- Ushered into the immediate presence and conscious joy of Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:8... Luke 23:43... Psalm 16:11
- Morally perfected, purified, and made holy – Hebrews 12:23
- Patiently waiting – Romans 8:18-25

(2<sup>nd</sup>) THE SOULS OF THE WICKED – Luke 16:19-31

- Hell is a real place – Mark 9:42-48
  
- Hell is a place of rejection – Matthew 7:23; 8:11-12; 10:28; 22:13; 25:41,46
  
- Hell is a place of eternal, conscious punishment – Isaiah 66:15-16,22-24... Daniel 12:1-2... Matthew 5:21-22, 27-30... 13:30,40-43, 49-50... 24:51... Revelation 14:9-11.

### **After-Death Questions...**

**Question #1** – Is God's Justice (eternal punishment in hell) too severe for a loving God? – 1 Jn 4:7-10; 3:16; Jn 3:16.

**Question #2** – What about Purgatory?