

## Chapter 31 – The State of Man after Death and the Resurrection of the Dead – #3

AFTER-DEATH QUESTIONS...

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

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

**Biblical purging** (the doctrine of sanctification)

(1<sup>st</sup>) Definitive Sanctification

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Progressive Sanctification

<1> God’s Work – John 15:1-6; Ephesians 5:26

<2> Believer’s Work – Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Peter 1:14-16,22; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 3:2-3.

(3<sup>rd</sup>) Perfect Sanctification – 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

**Question #3** – Is it possible to communicate with the dead? – Deuteronomy 18:10-12... Isaiah 8:19-20... 2 Samuel 12:19-23... Luke 16:24-31... 1 Samuel 28:3-20 > 1 Chronicles 10:13-14.

## **Question #4 – What about cremation?**

(1<sup>st</sup>) Whatever happens to the body after death, has no eternal significance – Ecclesiastes 3:20... John 5:28-29

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Our bodies DO have eternal significance – Romans 8:22-25... 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

(3<sup>rd</sup>) Burning in the Bible symbolizes curse and condemnation because of sin – Leviticus 1... Joshua 7:25-26... Psalm 106:16-18... Matthew 13:40... John 15:6

(4<sup>th</sup>) Burial (not cremation) is the Biblical mode of dealing with the body at death – Genesis 23:19... 35:19... 49:31... Deuteronomy 34:5-6... Luke 23:52-56