

Between Death and the Resurrection

Series: *Life After Death - Message 2*

Text: *Luke 16:19-31*

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I. AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH THE SOUL EXITS THE BODY, GOES TO ITS ETERNAL DESTINATION, AND EXISTS TEMPORARILY IN A DISEMBODIED STATE

- A. That means it exists without a physical body. The soul is without any physical source, yet it exists in an eternal state.
- B. Paul explained that for believers, to be absent from the body (in a physical sense) is to be present with the Lord (*1 Cor. 15:1 - "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God"*)
- C. As our text points out, the unsaved are also absent from the body, but still exist in their eternal state.

II. THE SOUL RETAINS THE FUNCTIONS AND SENSES IT HAD IN THE PHYSICAL BODY (*Luke 16:23-31*)

- A. The soul is conscious (aware, mindful, cognizant)
- B. The soul can see (*v. 23*)
- C. The soul can speak (*v. 24, 27-28, 30*)
- D. The soul has desires (*v. 24*)
- E. The soul has feeling (*v. 24*)
- F. The soul can hear (*v. 25-26*)
- G. The soul has a memory (*v. 27-28*)
- H. The soul is indestructible (*v. 23-24*)

III. THE SOUL WILL EVENTUALLY BE JOINED TO AN ETERNAL BODY

- A. When will this happen?
 - 1) For unbelievers - The Great White Throne Judgment (*Rev. 20:11-15*)
 - 2) For believers - The rapture of the church (*1 Thess. 4:13-18*)
- B. How will it happen? By the power of God (*1 Cor. 6:14 | Rom. 8:11*)

IV. THE CONCLUSION - observe the Lord's Supper