

Established and Abounding

Established in: a True Knowledge of Eternity

- 1) Read Daniel 12:2, John 5:28-29, and Acts 25:15. According to these texts, what will happen to our bodies at some point after we die? What two destinies are possible when this happens?
- 2) Read Acts 17:30-31. What does Jesus' resurrection prove and how does it prove that?
- 3) Read Revelation 20:11-15. Where do we see resurrection in these verses?
- 4) This is similar to a trial. How does the court decide the case?
- 5) The final destination of those not written in the book of life is the second death, the lake of fire. The prophets, Jesus, and the apostles all taught about this final judgment (Isaiah 66:24, Matthew 25:41, 46; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Some would accuse God of being unloving because of this. How did the prophets, Jesus, and the apostles explain God's view of judgment (Ezekiel 33:11, Luke 13:34-35, 1 Tim 2:3-4, 2 Peter 3:9)? How does this help answer the accusation that God is unloving for judging?
- 6) Those written in the Lamb's Book of Life await a different resurrection and destination. According to Philippians 3:20-21, our resurrected bodies (or, if we are alive at His coming, our transformed bodies) will no longer be these lowly bodies, but will be conformed to Jesus' glorious body. What was His resurrected body like (Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-20, 26-27)?
- 7) How else is the resurrected body in the Bible (1 Cor. 15:50-57)?
- 8) What do the redeemed in heaven look forward to doing (Revelation 5:9-10), and how is this similar to what humankind was called to do in Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:15?

Abounding with Thanks for: a True Eternal Hope

- 9) Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. How does the resurrection show us that our labor is not in vain in the Lord, and how does knowing this enable us to fulfill the three commands given in this text?
- 10) The New Testament uses the term “eagerly wait” in 5 places. After comparing and contrasting the verses, what should Christians be eagerly waiting for and how should that change our lives?

Rom. 8:23-25 Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

1Cor. 1:4-9 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gal. 5:1-6 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Phil. 3:20-4:1 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

Heb. 9:27-28 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.