

Hebrews

6 1-3 So come on, let's leave the preschool fingerpainting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ. The basic foundational truths are in place: turning your back on "salvation by self-help" and turning in trust toward God; baptismal instructions; laying on of hands; resurrection of the dead; eternal judgment. God helping us, we'll stay true to all that. But there's so much more. Let's get on with it



Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death,[a] and of faith in God, 2 instruction about cleansing rites,[b] the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so

Luke 23:43
Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.



I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb Revelation 7:9

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment Hebrews 9:27



For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead Acts 17:31 "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done Rev 22:12



"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matt: 25:22

When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 2 Thes 1:5



At death our bodies go back to the dust or ashes

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Gen 2

All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust.

Ecc 3:18

At death our Spirit departs to God

Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it. Ecc 12:7

All the departed before Christ's resurrection go to Sheol

Psalms 16:10

For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Psalms 18:5

The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

Psalms 86:13

For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Sheol has a separated place for the righteous and for the wicked

Paradise (Abraham's bosom) The place of the righteous and obedient

Hades (Hell) The place of the wicked and disobedient

So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried."

"And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom

Luke 11

What happens to the departed since Christ's death & resurrection?

What happened to Jesus when he died?

- 1. Jesus body was laid in the tomb but did not decay
- 2. Jesus' soul went to Sheol,

He ascended" ----what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? Eph 4:9

This day you will be with me in Paradise

3. Jesus did not stay in Sheol

For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16

He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things Eph 4:10

4 .Jesus was reunited with his body on the third day

Luke 24:39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

5. Jesus ascended into heaven to sit at God's right hand.

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The consequences of Christ's death and resurrection

Christians do not go to Sheol but to Heaven, and into God's presence.

They stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Acts 7

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 2Cor:5

If I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

We will all be reunited with our complete body when Jesus returns

John 5:28-29

Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation

Then the great and final judgment of all humanity will take place

Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Rev 20