

“Questions on the Afterlife, Part Two”

Can loved ones in heaven see us?

(Hebrews 12:1-2; Luke 15:7, 10; Revelation 6:9-11; John 11:25-26)

Is there an age of accountability below which someone automatically goes to heaven?

(1 John 4:8; 1 Timothy 2:4; Matthew 18:14; 2 Samuel 12:23-25; 18:33; Romans 5:12; James 4:17; Luke 18:15-17; Revelation 7:9; 1 Samuel 1:8-2:21; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 1:15; Genesis 18:15)

What will day-to-day life be like in the New Creation?

(Hebrews 4:8-11; Revelation 22:3, 5; 1 Peter 1:12; Matthew 8:11; Luke 14:15; Isaiah 25:6)

Be sure to check out spencer.crosswinds.tv/crosswinds-blog for answers to the questions, “Will there be animals in heaven?”; “If we still retain our memories, how can we be happy knowing our loved ones are suffering in hell?”; and “Should I trust near-death experiences?”.

Does it matter if I am cremated or buried?

(Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 47:29-31; 50:25-26)

*Missed **last week**? Check out spencer.crosswinds.tv/sermons to hear some thoughts on, “What is the ‘mark of the beast’? What is the meaning of ‘666’?”; “How will we relate to our families in heaven?”; “Will Christians who commit suicide be in heaven?”; and “How does God judge someone that hasn’t heard about Jesus?”.*

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Which of these questions did you find most interesting? Did you learn anything new this Sunday? Which of these questions have you wrestled with the most?
2. **Read John 11:25-26.** How are these words comforting for us in the midst of grief and loss?
3. **Read Hebrews 12:1-2.** Pastor Jordan suggested that these verses do not tell us that the “heavenly courts” watch our every move but instead tell us that the saints before us serve as examples of how to trust God in this life. Which saint (from the Bible or not) serves as a great “witness” of faith to you?
4. **Read Luke 15:10; Revelation 6:9-11.** What are the primary concerns of the “heavenly courts” when speaking of earthly events?
5. Which piece of “day-to-day life” in the New Creation are you most excited for? Which piece surprised you the most?
6. Share an example of what “rest” in the New Creation will be like. Share an example of what “work” in the New Creation will be like. What are you most looking forward to learning?
7. Does it matter if we are cremated or buried? Share your thoughts on this discussion. Has your opinion changed? What do you want to put on your tombstone?
8. **Compare 2 Samuel 12:23-25 and 2 Samuel 18:33.** How does David’s response differ with his two sons’ deaths? How does this hint at salvation for those who die in infancy?
9. How does learning about life after death stir up our affections for God? How does it give us hope and confidence in this life when things seem hopeless? How do they motivate us to faithful living?

Do you know your eternal state?

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Sundays

Worship Service
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9:30 a.m.
11 a.m.