

A Biblical view of Life after Death for a Christian

When a Christian Dies... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep...

(The soul leaving the body is like falling asleep on earth and waking up in heaven).

...or to grieve like the rest of men who have no hope.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again (took the punishment for our sin, arose to give life). and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”

When a Christian* Dies...

*(One who repents of sin, asks Jesus to forgive, trusts him as Saviour and Lord)

1. his/her soul goes to heaven to be with Jesus
Jesus said to the converted thief... “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).
“We are confident... to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8).
“I desire to depart and be with Christ” (Philippians 1:22).
2. his/her body is buried/cremated.

When Jesus comes the second time...

1. Jesus brings the souls of Christians with him
2. Jesus raises the bodies that Christians have lived in from the grave
3. Jesus puts each soul into its resurrected body
4. Christians who are living at the time will be given resurrection bodies
5. Jesus joins those who have died with those who are still living, for a reunion
6. the re-united Christians will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air
7. All Christians will live together with the Lord Jesus for all eternity. REJOICE!

