

2010 BIBLICAL STUDY FOCUSING ON

DEATH



AFTERLIFE

AND

THE END TIME

***Session #3***

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**BIBLICAL ANSWERS AND**  
**KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT DEATH:**

**#1 - WILL EVERYBODY DIE? NO**

Heb 9:27 NKJV

And as it is **APPOINTED** for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

**WHO WERE THE TWO EXCEPTIONS - *THAT WE KNOW OF* -  
TO THIS DEATH APPOINTMENT?**

**(1) ENOCH**

Gen 5:23-24 NLT

**<sup>23</sup> Enoch lived 365 years, <sup>24</sup> walking in close fellowship with God. Then one day HE DISAPPEARED, BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM.**

**(2) ELIJAH**

2 Kings 2:11NIV

**As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and ELIJAH WENT UP TO HEAVEN IN A WHIRLWIND.**

**WHAT IS THE NON-BIBLICAL TERM USED FOR THIS  
BIBLICAL DOCTRINE - ASSOCIATED WITH  
**ENOCH'S "DISAPPEARANCE" AND ELIJAH'S "TAKEN UP"****

**◆ RAPTURE**

**THE TERM "RAPTURE" DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE  
ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE**

OTHER TERMS THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH  
ARE NOT FOUND IN SCRIPTURE EITHER

TRINITY    BIBLE

**RAPTURE** MEANS = “TAKE AWAY” “SNATCH AWAY” “CAUGHT UP”

1 Thess 4:17 NIV

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **CAUGHT UP** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

## **#2 - IS PURGATORY REAL OR BIBLICAL? NO**

### **DEFINITION OF PURGATORY**

A KIND OF HALFWAY HOUSE OR STATE OF LIMBO BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL WHERE BELIEVERS MUST FINISH PAYING FOR THEIR SINS

**TIME IN PURGATORY DEPENDS ON TWO THINGS**

1. THE KIND OF LIFE THE PERSON LIVED ON EARTH
2. WHAT HIS FRIENDS ON EARTH ARE DOING FOR HIM.

**THIS IS DONE THROUGH =The purchasing of INDULGENCES = “CERTIFICATES” PRODUCED IN BULK - PRE-SIGNED BY THE POPE AND SOLD TO AN INDIVIDUAL THAT KNEW THEY HAD SINNED - GUARANTEEING A PARDON FOR THEIR SINS AND GRANTING ACCESS TO HEAVEN -**

**THIS PRACTICE WAS LATER EXTENDED TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO PURCHASE AN INDULGENCE FOR A DEAD RELATIVE - ALLOWING THEM TO BE RELEASED FROM PURGATORY**

**INDULGENCES REMAIN A PART OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DOGMA TODAY AND IS A GREAT SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE CHURCH**

## WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS REJECT THE CONCEPT OF PURGATORY?

### BECAUSE THE CLEANSING OF SINS COMES FROM THE **BLOOD OF JESUS** - NOT THE **PURGATORIAL FIRES**.

1 John 1:7 NLT

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the **BLOOD OF JESUS, HIS SON, CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN.**

Rom 4:5 NLT

But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but **BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH IN GOD WHO FORGIVES SINNERS.**

Rom 5:1 NLT

Therefore, since we have **BEEN MADE RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT BY FAITH,** we have **PEACE WITH GOD BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD HAS DONE FOR US.**

Eph 2:8-10 NIV

**8** For **IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,** through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is **THE GIFT OF GOD—** **9** **NOT BY WORKS,** so that no one can boast. **10** For we are **GOD'S WORKMANSHIP,** created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Titus 3:5 NLT

he saved us, **NOT** because of the **RIGHTEOUS THINGS WE HAD DONE,** but because of **HIS MERCY.** He washed away our sins, giving us a **NEW BIRTH** and **NEW LIFE** through **THE Holy Spirit.\***

### THE **SINS** OF THE CHRISTIAN ARE **ACCEPTED BY CHRIST**

2 Cor 5:21 NLT

For God made Christ, who never sinned, **to be the OFFERING for our sin,** so that **WE COULD BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST.**

Rom 8:1 NIV

Therefore, there is now **NO CONDEMNATION** for those **WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS,**

**PURGATORY IS A FALSE BELIEF = Faith + Works = Salvation**

**BIBLICAL TEACHING = Faith = Salvation + Works**

### **#3 - IS PRAYING FOR THE DEAD BIBLICAL? NO**

MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRAY EITHER TO OR FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DIED

**THIS IS AN UNBIBLICAL PRACTICE**

**WE ARE CALLED UPON TO PRAY FOR THE LIVING SAINTS  
BUT NOT FOR THE DEAD ONES**

Eph 6:18 NLT

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all BELIEVERS (*SAINTS*) everywhere.

**HOLY = "SET APART FOR GOD'S SERVICE"**

**SAINT = "SET APART ONE"**

### **#4 - IS SOUL SLEEP BIBLICAL? NO**

**SOUL SLEEP = THE TIME PERIOD KNOWN AS THE INTERMEDIATE STATE - THE TIME BETWEEN PHYSICAL DEATH AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE **BODY** AT THE **RAPTURE****

**TEACHINGS OF  
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS  
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

BASED ON TWO KEY THOUGHTS

1. HUMAN EXISTENCE DEMANDS **UNITY OF BODY AND SOUL**
2. **SLEEP - USED OF THE DEAD IN THE BIBLE—INDICATES LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS**

Ecc1 12:7 NASV

then the DUST WILL RETURN TO THE EARTH as it was, and the SPIRIT WILL RETURN TO GOD who gave it.

Gen 35:18 NASV **RACHEL—JACOB**

It came about as her SOUL WAS DEPARTING (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; (*SON OF TROUBLE*) but his father called him Benjamin. (*SON OF MY RIGHT HAND*)

Matt 17:1-3 NLT

Six days later Jesus took **Peter** and the two brothers, **James** and **John**, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. <sup>2</sup>As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly, MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED and began talking with Jesus.

**MOSES HAD BEEN DEAD ABOUT 1400 YEARS**

**ELIJAH HAD BEEN RAPTURED TO HEAVEN ABOUT 800 YEARS BEFORE THEIR SOULS WERE FAR FROM UNCONSCIOUS**

**IT IS THE **BODY** THAT IS **ASLEEP** - NEVER THE **SOUL****

Matt 27:52 NASV

The tombs were opened, and many BODIES OF THE SAINTS WHO HAD FALLEN ASLEEP were raised;

## **#5 - SHOULD CHRISTIANS BE CREMATED?** **YOUR CHOICE**

**BELIEVERS THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE WERE ALL - BURIED**

**BUT CREMATION POSES NO PROBLEM FOR GOD**

**HOWEVER - METHODS OF DISPOSING OF THE DEAD PHYSICAL BODIES  
BY MAN - SHOULD BE DONE WITH RESPECT**

Phil 3:20-21 NLT

**20 But WE ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. 21 HE WILL TAKE OUR WEAK MORTAL BODIES AND CHANGE THEM INTO GLORIOUS BODIES LIKE HIS OWN, using the SAME POWER with which he will bring EVERYTHING under His control.**

1 Cor 15:52-53 NLT

**52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the LAST TRUMPET is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED WILL BE RAISED TO LIVE FOREVER. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53 For our DYING BODIES must be transformed into BODIES THAT WILL NEVER DIE; our MORTAL BODIES must be TRANSFORMED into IMMORTAL BODIES.**

**MORTAL = SUBJECT TO DEATH**

**IMMORTAL = DESTINED TO PERSIST THROUGHOUT THE AGES**

**BUT WE WILL FOREVER REMAIN FINITE BEINGS**

**FINITE = HAVING DEFINABLE LIMITS OR BOUNDARIES**

**INFINITE = NO LIMITATION OR EXTERNAL DETERMINATION**