

Life is Short...

...and death is long. The years of our time on earth are quickly flying by. The grave awaits us all. Then what? Countless millions have believed that the conscious part of a person goes on living forever. The Bible, the oldest of ancient books, agrees.



But why must the body perish? And what becomes of the soul? The Bible answers these and many other questions that lie beyond human knowledge and experience. It begins by telling the story of a world in which there was no death, no grief, no sin.

Before the world existed, there was God. He brought everything into being. The first man and the first woman were created good, but were free to do evil. God had given them life in a perfect world, and nothing less than perfect obedience was expected of them. They fell, and he cursed them. The punishment fit the crime. They were sentenced to death because they had rebelled against God's holy character and righteous law. They had offended him to an infinite degree because the dignity of the Infinite Being had been offended. Their deeds could not be undone. They were sinners, and would have to suffer the consequences: Separation from their bodies, and endless separation from God.

What was needed then is needed now. Like our first parents, each one of us has a bad record and a bad heart. Whether by action, word, or thought, we have done things God forbids and have failed to do what he commands. Every person has a list of sins a lifetime long, and it gets longer every day. We need unlimited credit for our debt, and powerful medicine for our sick and evil hearts. Only God can help us. The good news is that there is a way for us to be forgiven and cleansed. “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).



Jesus Christ is the Savior of sinners. He alone can save us from the guilt that leads to damnation (Mathew 25:46). He alone can make our hearts want to obey and worship God. The gospel of salvation is “that Christ was crucified for our sins; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). His perfect life and sacrificial death alone can make peace between God and sinners. We have nothing to offer God but our sins. All we can do is believe that he will pardon and accept us on the basis that Christ bore God’s wrath for our sins and overcame death, the curse for sin.

“Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near” (Isaiah 55:6). Do it now, before your shame for sin and fear of God pass! Come to the Source of salvation and eternal life with “repentance towards God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 20:22). Cry out to him in prayer. Meet him in the Bible. Learn of him in a good church. He will not cast away any who cast themselves upon him!

Life on earth is short, but life after death is forever. Will you spend it in heaven?