

Death Is Final

Commentary for July 15, 2022 — ... But Only For A Moment

For any person who is dying, it is important they know and realize that there is life after death. Job, a faithful believer in God, said to his friends:

“For I know that my redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.”

• ***Job 19:25–26***

The apostle Paul understood the same as Job. When he came before Felix, the Roman procurator of Judea, charged with a crime, Paul talked about the resurrection of all human beings:

“But this I confess unto you, that after the way which they [the Jews accusing Paul] call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: And [I, Paul] have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow,

that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just AND unjust.”

• ***Acts 24:14–15***

Yes, **“the just and unjust”**; everyone will be in one of these two categories. All will be resurrected. As I present in my May 16, 2022 Commentary, everyone will be resurrected and **“[Raised to Mortal Flesh.](#)”**

The **“just”** are believers who will be raised first to flesh and then we will put on glorified bodies composed of flesh, bones, and God’s Holy spirit (but no blood).

The **“unjust”** will be raised to physical bodies for judgment: **“... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”** (Hebrews 9:27).

As yet, only Christ has been resurrected to glory. Everyone else is still dead.

“... our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Who ONLY has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting [“power *eonian*,” for the eon]. Amen.”

• ***1 Timothy 6:14, 16***

King David was not resurrected with Christ, so said the apostle Peter. David is still dead today (Acts 2:27–29). David has no consciousness because he does not exist except in God’s memory.

The author of the Book of Ecclesiastes wrote about what the dead do not know. Note how he phrases and explains what the dead do not know. They know nothing:

“For the **living** **KNOW** that they shall die: but

- [1] **the dead** **KNOW NOT** any thing,
- [2] **neither have they any more a reward; for**
- [3] **the memory of them is forgotten. Also**
- [3] **their love, and**
- [4] **their hatred, and**
- [5] **their envy, is now perished;**
- [6] **neither have they any more a portion for ever** [for *olam*, for the age] **in any thing that is done under the sun.”**

• ***Ecclesiastes 9:5–6***

The dead cannot know anything because they are truly dead. They are not alive. The psalmist says the same thing: “**The dead** **praise not Yah** [an abbreviation of YHWH], **neither** [praise] **any that go down into silence**” (Psalm 115:17). This “**silence**” is a Hebrew metaphor for death (see Psalms 31:17 and 94:17). Even some pagan writers knew this to be true. See my 2007 Commentary “[Epicurus on Death](#).”

Death Is Final, Until Each of Us Are Resurrected

The soul ceases to exist at death until the human being is resurrected. They do not and cannot praise God. They will not be alive or conscious until they are raised from the dead. See my February 2022 Commentary, “[Every Breath, Every Heartbeat](#).”

Death Will Be Final When Death Is Destroyed

There have been no resurrections to glory since Christ. He is the only human being EVER resurrected to glory. Yet, there will come a moment, when the eons of this creation have ended, that death will cease.

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ **shall all** be made alive. But every man in his own order: [1] **Christ the firstfruits;** [2] **afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.** [3] **Then comes the end** [final resurrection to glory],

when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father;
when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

For he must reign, till he has put all enemies under his feet.

THE LAST ENEMY that shall be destroyed **IS DEATH.**

For he [Christ] has put all things under his feet. But when he says all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him [God the Father],

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, **THEN shall the Son also himself **be subject** unto him that put all things under him, [Why?] that God may be all in all.”**

• ***1 Corinthians 15:22–28***

Yes, when God ends death, death will be final. Every human will live and be glorified. It is God’s will (Ephesians 1:11; 1 Timothy 2:4–6).