

7 Evidences for an Afterlife:

1. Nature
2. Anthropology
3. Psychology
4. Ethics
5. Philosophy
6. Science – “NDE”
7. Jesus and the Bible

Conclusion:

The cumulative evidence of nature, psychology, anthropology, science, philosophy, the Bible, the testimony of Jesus and personal experience make belief in an afterlife the most rational, plausible, and intellectually defensible conclusion to the question... *“Is there life after death?”*

What Does the Bible Teach about the Afterlife?

Four Summary Statements:

1. At death, every person's soul/spirit enters immediately and consciously into the relational aspects of eternal existence.
 - Jesus' Paradigm of the Afterlife Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)
 - Paul's Paradigm of the Afterlife 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 (NASB)
Philippians 1:22-24
2. Every person will one day **be resurrected** and live forever. Acts 24:14-15 (NIV)
Luke 14:14
Revelation 20:11-13
3. Every person will be **judged** and granted the "extended capacity" to fulfill in eternity the deepest yearnings and desires of their hearts while on earth.
Hebrews 9:27 (NASB)
Luke 12:8
John 5:25-26 (NIV)
4. Every person will spend eternity in **heaven** with Christ and fellow believers, or in **hell** separated from God forever.
Matthew 25:46 (NIV)
Revelation 20:14-15
John 5:24 (NIV)

A Preview of Heaven – The Great _____ :

- God is There Revelation 21:1-3
- Beauty, Light, Warmth Revelation 4:1-4; 22:1-5
- Wonderful Relationships Hebrews 12:22-24
- Incredible Accommodations John 14:1-3
- A Fresh Start
 - A New Nature 1 John 3:2
 - A New Body 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
 - A New Vocation Revelation 22:5; 1 Corinthians 6:3
- Various Levels of Reward 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Complete Rest, Protection, Contentment, Security, Peace, Purpose, and Rest Revelation 21-22
- Unbridled Joy, Celebration, Worship, Laughter, and Music Matthew 26:29
Revelation 21-22
- Learning, Growing, Fellowship, Worshipping, Serving, Eating, and Discovering the Infinite Majesty of God and His Universe (yet unrevealed to us) Revelation 5:8-9
Revelation 21-22
- Forever Revelation 22:5

A Preview of Hell – The Horrible _____ :

- God is Not There 2 Thessalonians 1:9
- Punishment and Torment Revelation 14:10-11
- Varying Degrees of Punishment Matthew 11:21-24
- Outer Darkness Matthew 8:12
- Weeping Matthew 8:12
- Wailing Matthew 13:40-42
- Gnashing of Teeth Luke 13:28
- Forever Hebrews 6:2, Revelation 14:11

Why There Must Be A Hell:

- Man's Dignity and _____ demand a Hell.
- God's Holiness and _____ demand a Hell.
- Sin's _____ demands a Hell.
- Evil's _____ demand a Hell.

Conclusion:

Will your eternal future be a blissful _____ or a horrible _____?

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the various arguments for life after death. Which are the strongest in your opinion? Why?
2. Discuss the four summary statements concerning the Bible's teaching on life after death. What was "new" to you? What was helpful? What raised questions?
3. How did this message specifically broaden your view of Heaven? Of Hell? How? Why?
4. What action step of faith do you sense God would have you take in response to this message?

For Further Study/Resources:

Evidence of Life After Death
Life After Death
Recollections of Death
The Great Divorce and The Problem of Pain
The Real Heaven

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by Dr. Kenneth Ring, Psychologist
by Dr. Michael Sabom, Cardiologist
by C.S. Lewis
by Chip Ingram