

What Really Happens When You Die?

- **Dead... But Alive**
- **From Here to Eternity**
- **Up From the Grave**
- **The Body You Always Wanted**
- **Forever and Ever (Hallelujah!)**
- **Judgment**

Tombstone Epitaphs

- **Edinburgh, Scotland:**

*Stranger, tread this ground with gravity,
Dentist Brown is filling his last cavity.*

- **Burlington, Vermont:**

*...she lived with her husband for 50 years
and died in the confident hope of a better life.*

Tombstone Epitaphs

- **Waynesville N.C:**

Effie Jean Robinson (1897-1922)

*Come, blooming youths, as you pass by
And on these lines do cast an eye
As you are now, so once was I
As I am now, so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.*

*To follow you I am not content
How do I know which way you went?*

Judgment

The Final State of Non-believers

- **Not everyone goes to Heaven...**

- It will be well with the righteous, but woe to the wicked. **Isaiah 3:10,11**
- The hard and unwelcome truth: Hell is as real as Heaven is. **Matt 25:41,46; John 8:21,24; John 3:36; Rom 6:23;**
- *There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says 'Thy will be done.'*

(C.S.

Lewis)

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- **Not everyone goes to Heaven...**
- **The justness of judgment**
 - God is not like a doting Eli – see [1 Sam 2:12ff.](#)
 - Justice and judgment are rooted in God's righteous character.
 - Justice and mercy meet in the cross.
[Rom 3:22-26.](#)
 - Hell's awful reality will not spoil Heaven's perfection and joy.

Judgment

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The Last Judgment

- **The Great White Throne (Rev 20:11-15)**
 - Results in the final, eternal condemnation of non-believers. It is the last event of the present age of Heaven/Earth.
 - Unbelievers of all ages, resurrected to condemnation – judged by their works.
 - This leads to the ‘second’ death – i.e. confirmed in spiritual death forever.

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- **The Great White Throne (Rev 20:11-15)**
- **The eternal state of the lost**
 - See Matt 25:30,41,46; 8:12; Mark 9:43-49; Rom 2:8,9; II Thess 1:7-9
 - Trouble, distress, wrath, anger, eternal fire, punishment, destruction, shut out from God's presence, fire that does not go out, worm that consumes but does not die, darkness, gnashing of teeth...

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- **Try to imagine...**

The reality of Hell should break our hearts and take us to our knees and to the doors of those without Christ...