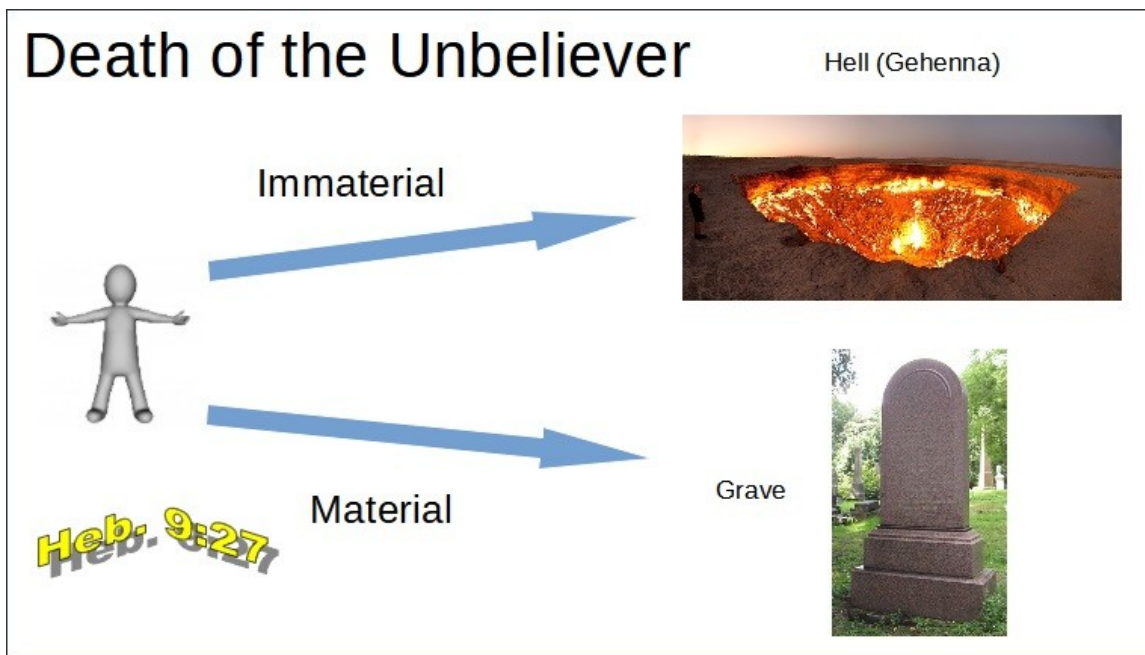


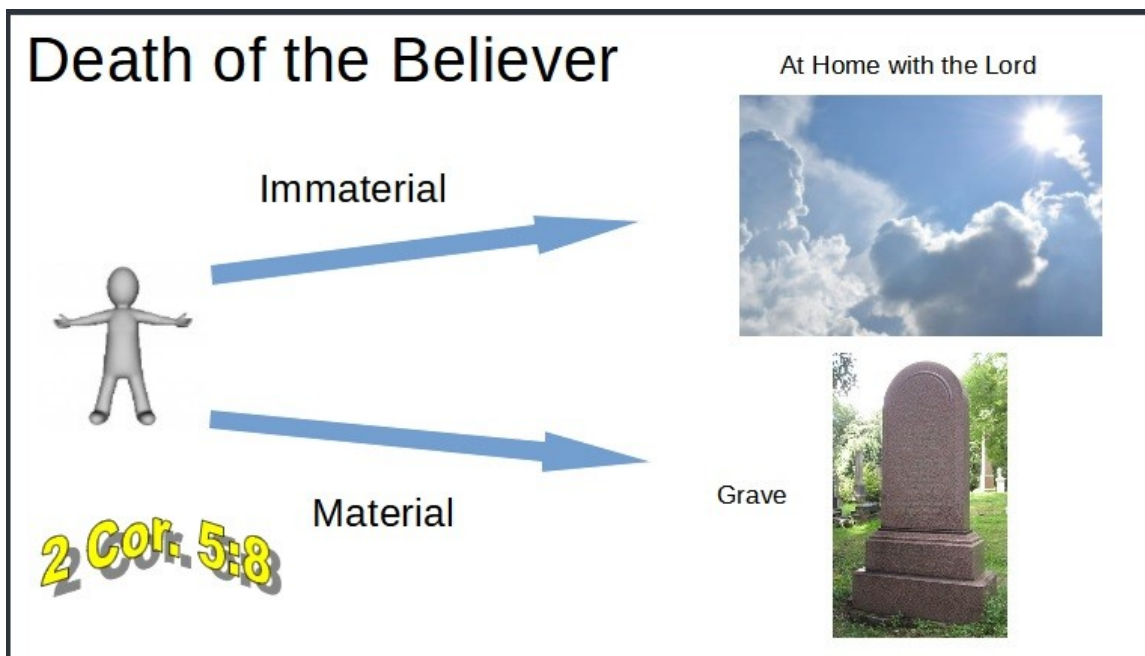
Questions and Answers #4

Death for Believers in Christ, and Unbelievers



Hebrews 9:27: And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,...

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Corinthians 5:8: we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

The question is, what happens at the rapture? **Let's see 1 Thess. 4:13-18:**

I. Relief, v. 13

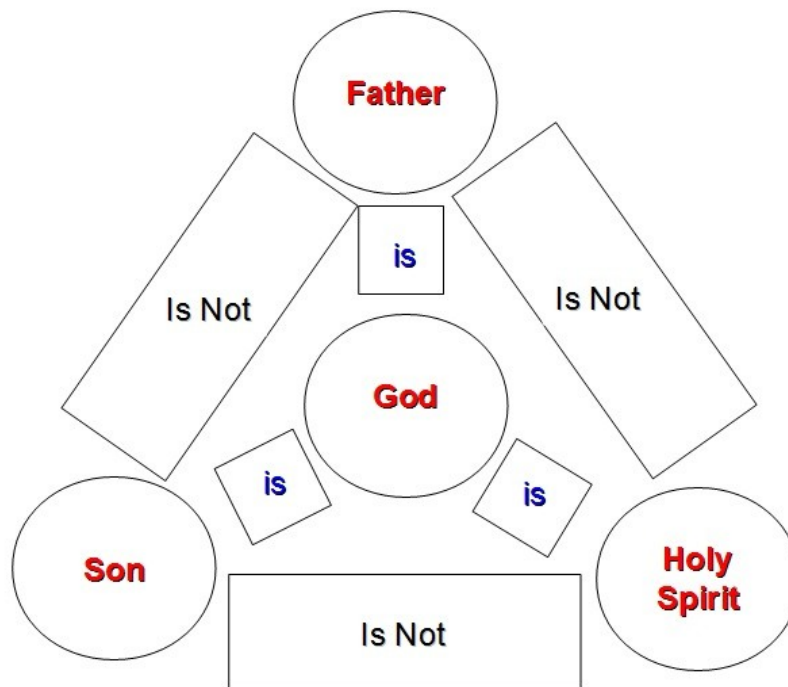
II. Resurrection, vv. 14-16

III. Rapture, v. 17a

IV. Reunion, v. 17b

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- ✓ Ryrie: "You have probably heard lessons on the Trinity in which you were taught only the results: that the one God exists in three Persons. Then you asked for illustrations and got none that were satisfying. So you

concluded that there was a doctrine you were expected to believe— regardless! Actually, the way we ought to go about it is this: as we read the Bible, certain astounding facts confront us and demand our attention. Specifically, the Bible seems to say clearly that there is only one true God. But it also seems to say with equal clarity that there was a man Jesus Christ who claimed equality with God and there is Someone called the Holy Spirit who is also equal with God.”



- I. The Contribution of the Old Testament
 - A. The Unity of God (Deut. 6:4¹; Ex. 20:3²)
 - B. Plural Words (Nouns and Verbs--Gen. 1:26³; Is. 6:8⁴)
 - C. The Angel of *Yahweh* (Gen. 16:7-13)
 - D. Distinction of Persons (Is. 59:20⁵)

1 **Deuteronomy 6:4** "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

2 **Exodus 20:3** "You shall have no other gods before Me.

3 **Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

4 **Isaiah 6:8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

5 **Isaiah 59:20** "A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," declares the LORD.

II. The Contribution of the New Testament

A. Evidence for Oneness (Jam. 2:19⁶)

B. Evidence for Threeness (John 6:27⁷; John 1:1⁸; Acts 5:3-4⁹)

C. Evidence for Tri-unity (Matt. 28:19-20¹⁰)

6 **James 2:19** You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

7 **John 6:27** "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

8 **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

9 **Acts 5:3-4** But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the price of the land? ⁴ "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

10 **Matthew 28:19-20** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."