

'The Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick (living] and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom'. (2 Tim. 4:1)

Jesus says **'the hour is coming when those that are in the grave shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. (or condemnation)** (John 5:29)

'Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (Dan. 12:2)

If the dead are not to be judged until Christ comes, what room is there for a doctrine that sends them straight away to be rewarded as soon as they die?

7. That the reward of the righteous, besides immortality of nature, is inheritance of the earth.

'Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth'. (Mt 5:5) 'Such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth' (Psa.37:22) 'Those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth'. (Psa. 37:9) 'The righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner'. (Prov. 11:31) 'I shall give thee (that is the 'Son of God' (see verse 7)) the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession'. (Psa. 2:8) 'We shall reign on earth' (Rev. 5:10)

If the reward of the righteous is the inheritance of the earth, clearly it is wrong to believe that their reward is to go to 'mansions above the skies'

The Christadelphians

Please be assured that anything connected with the Christadelphians is entirely free, and based wholly upon Christ's precept, **"freely ye received, freely give"**. Christadelphians, or as the name implies, brethren in Christ, are a body of people (established initially in the mid nineteenth century) bound together by a wholehearted belief in the Bible. We do not profess to have received any new revelation, but hold that the Bible itself is able to make one **"wise unto salvation"** (II Tim 3:15-17). Believing in the Divine Authorship of the Bible, we do not accept any interpretation which does not harmonise with its teaching as a whole. Finding that the creeds and practices of those who claim to be Christian are in many ways opposed to this teaching we feel compelled to stand apart from them. We believe in the personal, visible return of Christ to the earth, to establish his throne and reign thereon, and we seek to share this knowledge with others. However we guarantee that we will not pressurise you in any way if at any time you wish to discontinue contact.

To find out more about the word of God please contact:

**THE CHRISTADELPHIANS
FREEPOST (CN 2737)
CROYDON
CR9 7WZ**

or the publisher:

Andrew G Stubbs, The Christadelphians (Sherwood Meeting), 14 Covedale Road, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 3HY England.

or visit our website:

www.OnlyTrueGod.info

Where do we go when we die?

Watchman Christadelphians - Leaflet 12

www.OnlyTrueGod.info

Where do we go when we die?

If you accept the religious beliefs held by many, you will answer this question by saying, 'It all depends; if we have done the right thing while we live, we shall go to heaven; and if not, then to —'. Here perhaps, you falter. You are not sure, but you think 'to hell'.

Will it surprise you to be told that the answer is entirely untrue; that, in point of fact, when we die, we are DEAD and do not go anywhere except to the grave? It may even make you angry. But if you are of a reasonable mind, you will cool down and ask, 'Is it indeed a fact?' The answer, based on Bible teaching, is an emphatic 'yes', and the only life after death of which the Bible speaks is that which follows the resurrection of the dead at the return of Christ from heaven. If you seek the evidence, you will find it in the Bible, and an earnest search will be rewarding. You will discover:

1. That the body of man is man:

'God formed man of the dust of the ground'.
(Gen. 2:7)

'The first man is of the earth, earthy'.
(1 Cor. 15:47)

'I (Abraham) ... am but dust and ashes'.
(Gen. 18:27)

'He knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust' (Psa. 103:14)

'Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return'.
(Gen. 3:19)

If the body of a man is man, then it follows that when the body dies, man dies and that, consequently, it is impossible for a man at death to go to heaven or to hell.

2. That the life of man, or the spirit of man, is not man, but the breath of man vitalised by the invisible yet real energy or power of God:

'God giveth to all life, and breath, and all things'. (Acts 17:25)

'In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind'. (Job 12:10)

'That which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; yea, they have all one breath' (R.V. margin 'spirit'). (Eccl. 3:19)

'The spirit (at death) shall return unto God who gave it'. (Eccl. 12:7)

If the life and spirit of man are not the man, but the power of God enabling him to breathe, it follows that the return of that life to God when death occurs, is not the going back of the man, but the going back of the energy which existed before the man was made.

3. That the Scriptures nowhere promise heaven as the reward of the righteous:

'David is not ascended into the heavens'.
Acts 2:34)

'The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of man'. (Psa. 115:16)

If David has not ascended to heaven, how can we hope to do so?

4. That, according to the Scriptures, the dead have not yet entered into a state of reward:

'These all died in faith, not having received the promises: but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them'.
(Heb. 11:13)

The seventh angel sounded... and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets'. (Rev. 11.15,18)

If the dead are not in a state of reward, how can the popular doctrine be true which sends a man to his reward when he dies?

5. That, according to the Scriptures, the dead are in a state of complete unconsciousness:

'The dead know not anything ... their love, and their hatred and their envy, is now perished'. (Eccl. 9.5,6)

'In death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?'(Psa. 6.5)

'The dead praise not any that go down into silence'.
(Psa. 115.17)

'The grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee'. (Isa. 38.18)

If the dead are unconscious, and have not even any remembrance of God, they cannot be enjoying heaven, or in hell, as popular theology teaches.

6. That, according to the Scriptures, the time for the dead to be judged and rewarded is at the resurrection, when Christ comes again to the earth:

'Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just'. (Luke 14.14)

'The Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works'.
(Matt. 16.27) ►►