

I. Afterlife Overview

A. The Complex Nature of the Afterlife

1. No Easy Summary - The Bible does not present a _____ or _____ destination of the human soul after death. The doctrine of death cannot be summarized as: the believer in Christ goes to heaven and the unbeliever goes to hell.
2. Dispensational Changes – the destination of the soul is not _____ in the Bible. In His sovereignty, God sends the souls of the departed to different _____ depending on when they die in His plans.
3. The _____ of Death – teaching on the afterlife is difficult in the church, because we read our _____ knowledge of the afterlife back into the Old Testament. We need to guard against an _____ that Abraham knew everything Paul wrote. The saints of Israel could not have the same understanding of life after death as we do today. They did not possess the full revelation of the New Testament and the Gospel.

B. Not God's Plan for You

1. God did not create man for death but for _____. You are a living soul made in God's image (Gen 1-2; Mark 12:26-27).
2. God created man for _____ with Him and one another (Gen 3:8).
3. The Scriptures never focus on _____ or the nature of an _____, because we were not created for death but for life. This earth, minus the _____, is our clearest image of eternity with God (Rev 21:1).