

Is There Life Beyond The Grave? (Conclusion)
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“Time is short, eternity is long. It is only reasonable that this short life be lived in the light of eternity.” Charles Spurgeon

Is there life beyond the grave? This is a question that must not be taken lightly because so much depends upon it. In recent years we have split the atom, sent men to the moon and conquered many scourges of humankind. But we have not overcome the horror of death.

If our physical life is all there is, then death is the ultimate personal tragedy. As Philosopher Johann Goethe stated, “Those who hope for no future life are dead even for this.”

Shakespeare’s Hamlet, speaks of death as, “That undiscovered country from which no traveler returns.” At a time when many doubt the reality of life beyond the grave, can we have any steadfast and sure hope for eternity?

Yes, we can, because 2000 years ago one traveler went to that undiscovered country and came back to bring the glorious message that there is hope beyond the grave! He who never deceived a single soul, he who abounds in grace and truth, spoke these words of assurance, “If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2b RSV).

Like sailors scanning the water, we can only see as far as the horizon called death. But, beyond that lies more, much more. Though hidden from our eyes, it is revealed to our minds and hearts through faith and through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Through his own death and resurrection Christ conquered death and is alive for evermore. Our faith in him takes away the fear of death. Amid the trials and uncertainties of life, the best still awaits those trusting Christ. What an incredible future God has prepared for those who know and love Him. But, what sorrow, shame and separation for those who refuse God’s gift of eternal life. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. The last word need not be death, but life, eternal, abundant life in all its fullness.

Here then we can rest the overwhelming evidence for the future life.

Science says, there can be a future life, there is nothing in Science to forbid it.

Philosophy says, there should be a future life because this life is so incomplete.

History says, there must be a future life because people everywhere seek one.

Finally, on the authority of Christ and the revelation of Scripture we can say there is a future life!

This means that we can know God in a personal living relationship and absolutely nothing can separate us from his love, not even death.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this" (John 11: 25, 26)?