

## AFTERLIFE

We all think about the Afterlife or where we will end up after this life. We read lots of books and predictions about the end of the world. We all have an end to life when we die.

In today's world, we hear dire predictions about the world being

over-populated,  
too much pollution,  
the world is a bad place and God will be here to punish us very soon,  
even when 911 happened, there were predictions about the end of the world.  
We can all speculate, that's all we can do and because it affects us all, we pay attention.

To night, we will talk about five things:

The End of the World and The Return of Jesus

Judgement, general and individual

Hell

Purgatory

Heaven

Again the only way we can try and understand the teachings about the end of the world is thru scripture and what Jesus spoke to his apostles and disciples about all of the above issues.

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus told his disciples "I am going to prepare a place for you and I will come back and take you to myself". John 14 2-3

Acts 1-11 "This Jesus who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven"

Last week we had the story of the 10 Virgins, Matt. 25 1-13, and how they were waiting for the bridegroom, well some were ready and some were not. I think this is like most of us, some days we feel so good and we feel that if God calls us today, we would be ready, other days, we drag around and feel yukky and feel so bad, if God calls us that day, we would be in trouble. Jesus warns us that we do not know the day or the hour.

Judgement:

In our book it talks about the play Everyman and how he tried to bargain and have all of his possessions come with him and only one Good Works said Yes.

Well a friend of mine once said you will never see a hearse with a U-Haul behind it. So why the mad rush to made lots of goods and material things for ourselves, we certainly cannot take them with us.

2 Cor 5-10. tells us we will have an individual judgement appearing before Christ.

Matt 25 speaks of the last general judgement. page 83.

We also have the story of the rich man and the poor man in Luke 16. Read What does this say to us?

We have three places we can go:

Heaven, Hell or purgatory

Hell

Again Jesus talks in a parable and explains the parable of the Weeds and the Wheat Matt 13  
This parable teaches Patience

Sowing salt was a crime in the Old Testament

We look at the scripture readings with a literal or contextual interpretations.

Hell exists

Hell involves suffering separation from God

Purgatory

is a place or state that purifies or prepares us for entry into eternal life and happiness with God.

We are not bad

We are not good enough so it stands to reason that there must be a place to go before we come to Heaven.

Heaven

Vision Matt 5:8

Union John 17:21

Life John 3:13,16

Death is not the end of life but the beginning of life that God ultimately had in mind for us when He created us.