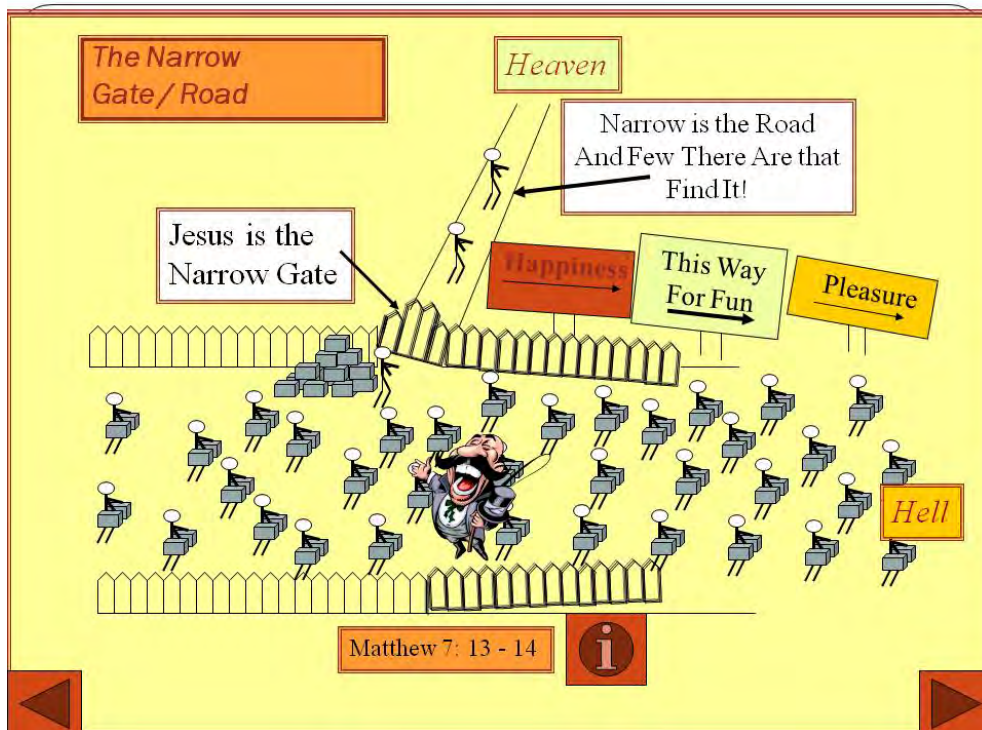
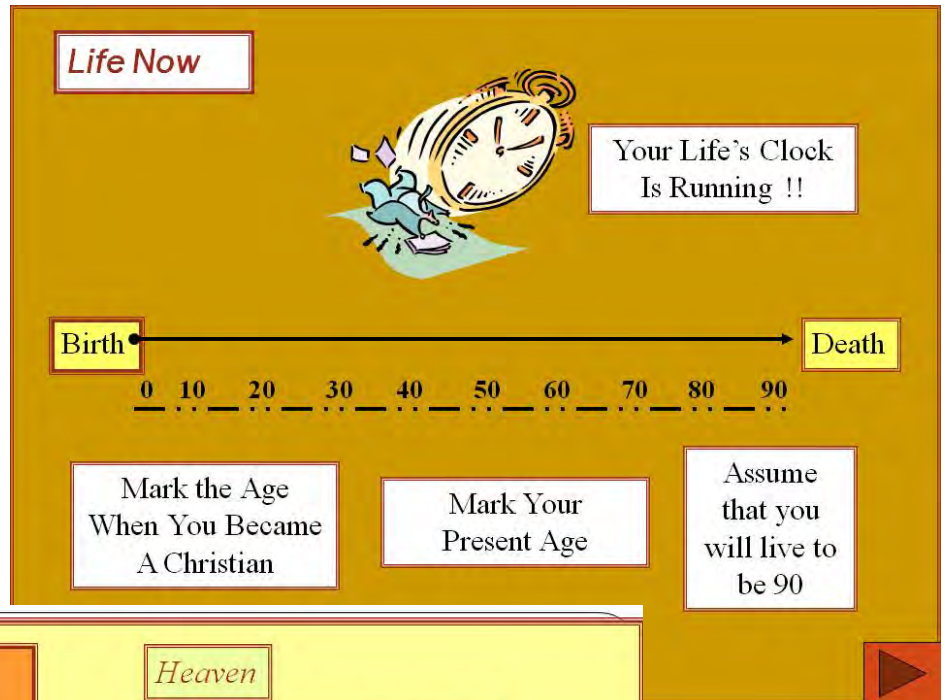


10. Everyone's Gonna Die!! What's Next?

One thing that all people can really count on is physical death. Some will live on Earth longer than others but none will live here eternally. Once a person is physically born on Earth, their life clock starts running. For the purpose of this chapter, assume that you will live ninety years before physically dying.

As an exercise, mark on the timeline of this chart the age that you became a Christian (if you



are a Christian). Mark on the timeline your present age. The Bible teaches that each Christian is called to live a productive life of helping others during the brief time he lives on Earth. Many

miss this assignment and think that life is to be lived just for their own selfish enjoyment and pleasure.

All people live physical lives that are limited to about seventy to ninety years. They either have spiritual life with God as Christians that lasts eternally or they fail to be born spiritually and live apart from God eternally.

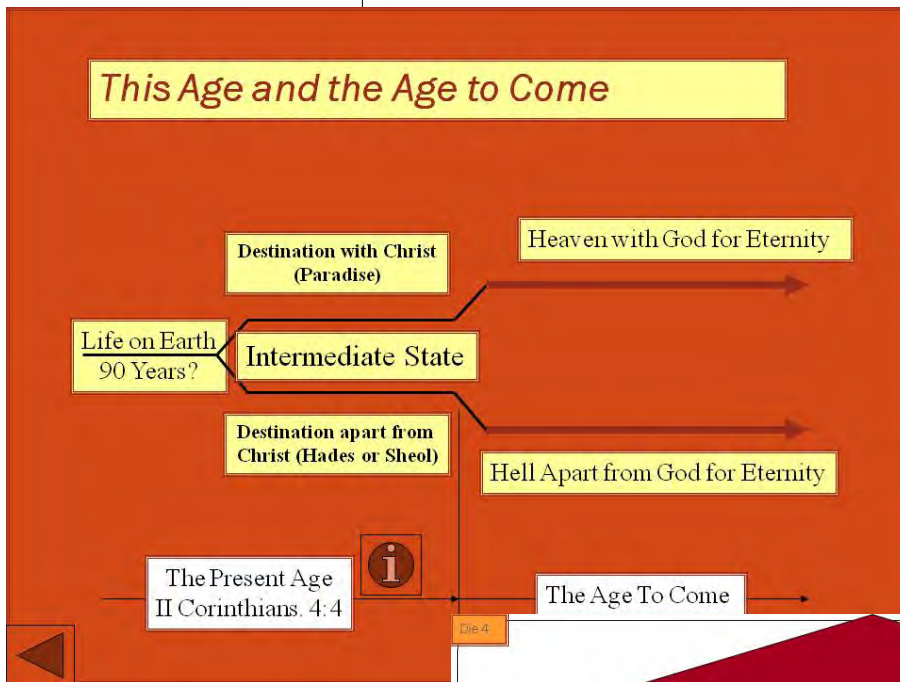
The Bible says that life here on Earth is like traveling down

Die 3

We are surrounded by multitudes of folk blinded by Satan on their way to destruction and they do not realize it!

Will You Warn them??

Matthew 7: 13 – 14
 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.



one of two roads. One of the roads is very easy to travel for it is very wide and many there are that travel it. Satan actually uses the things of this world to allure huge crowds down this road. Along life's road is a narrow gate

that opens to a narrow road and few there are that find it. The crowds traveling the wide and alluring road carry much baggage such as excitement, pleasure, selfishness, lust, greediness, etc. Those that enter the narrow

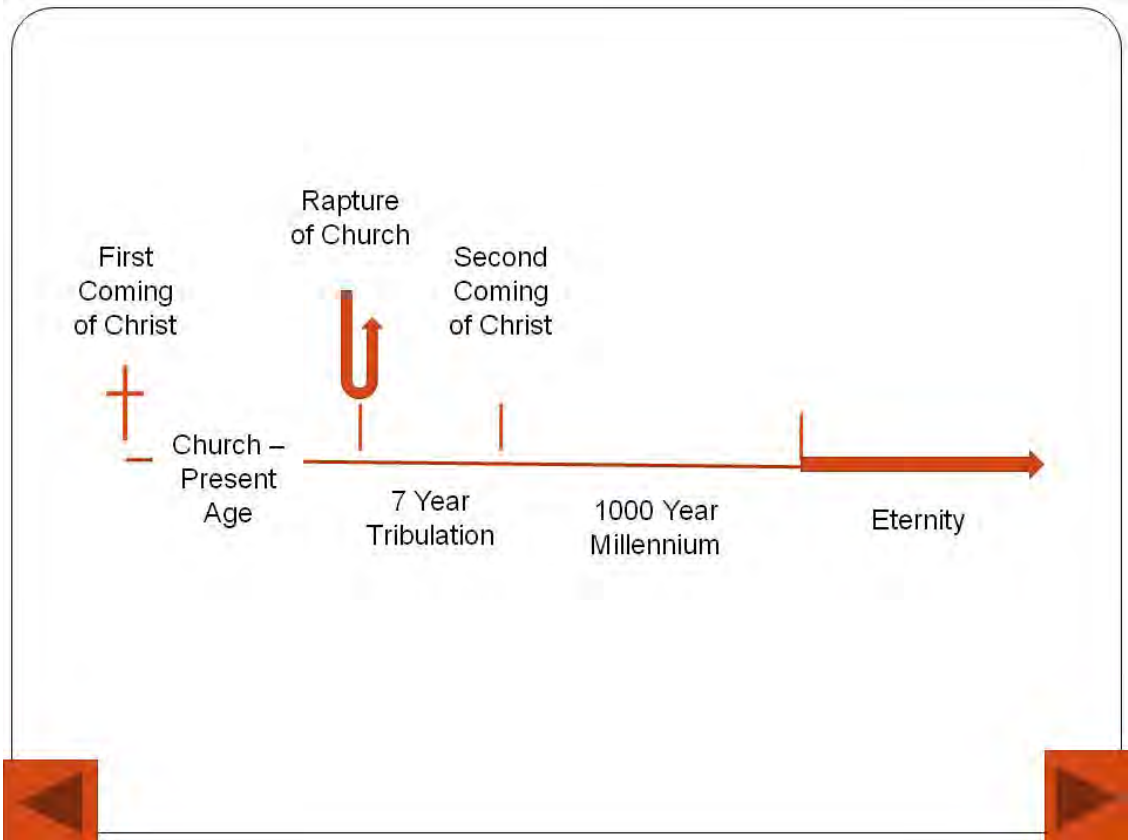
Die 4

II Corinthians 4: 4
 The god of this age (Satan) has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

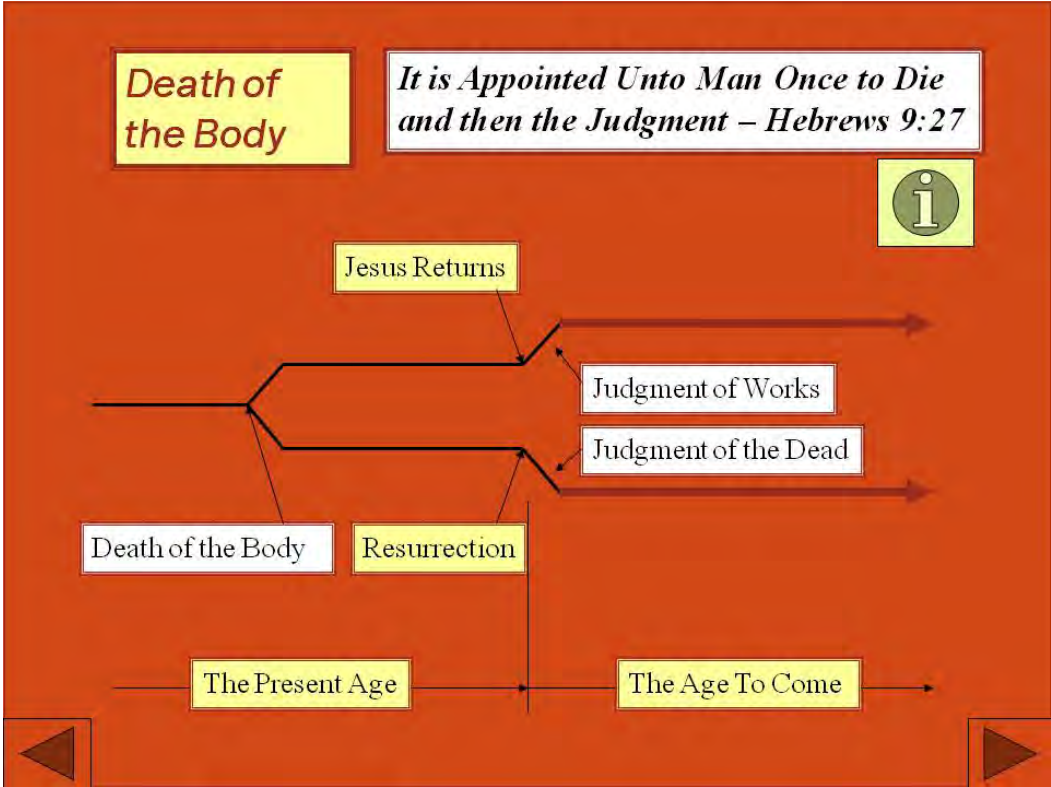
Your eternal destination is determined by choices made during your 90 years on earth. You will either go to Paradise with Christ or to Hades with Satan. Paradise is like a Persian garden (Eden) but Hades is a miserable place.

90 years of life on earth is nothing compared to eternity. Do you really think that gratifying yourself for the remainder of your 90 years is worth giving up Heaven for eternity instead of spending eternity in Hell??

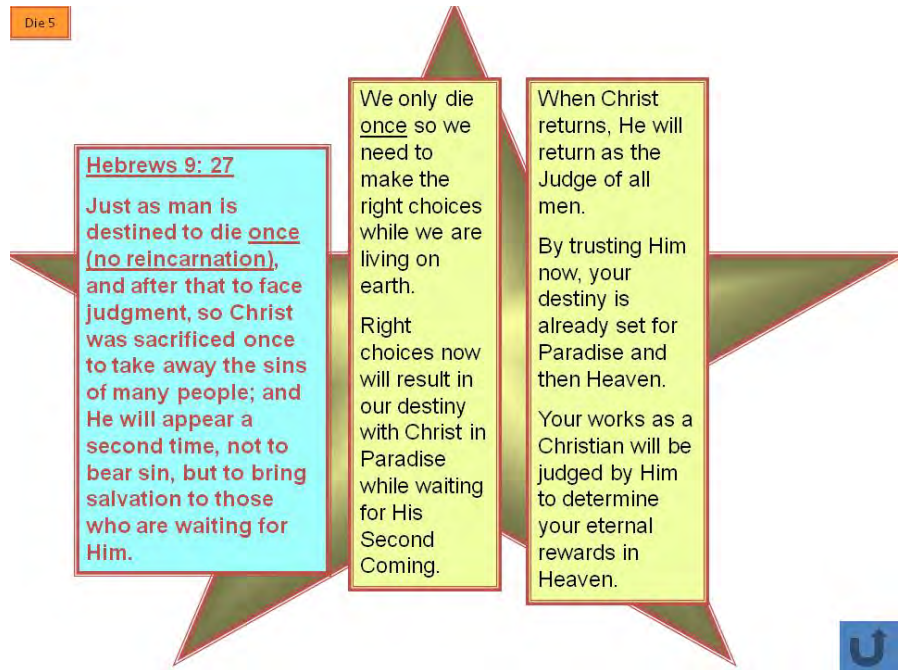
Satan will use the things of this world to blind you to truth and deceive you into thinking that you have plenty of time to get right with God. He is really only interested in having you spend eternity with himself in HELL!!



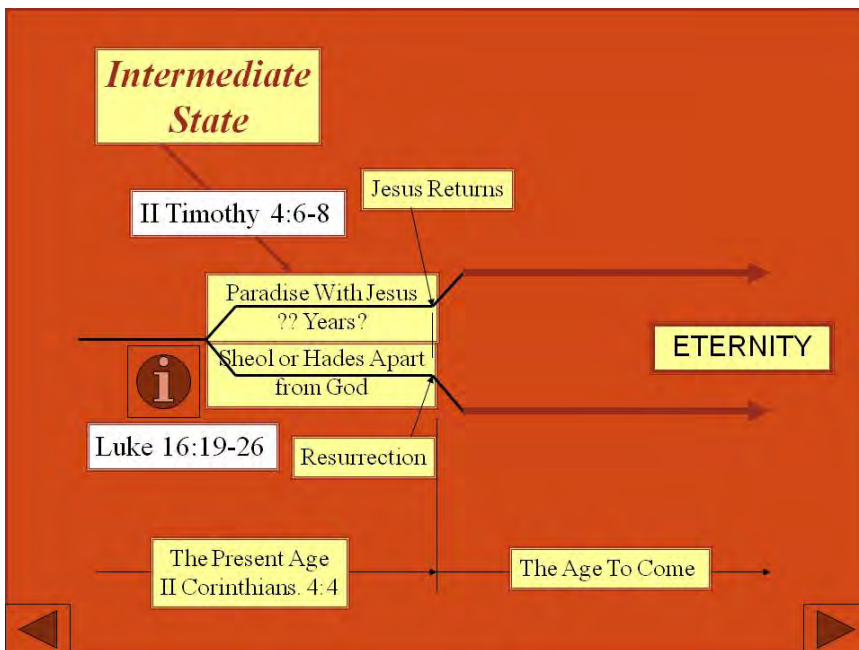
gate leave this baggage at the gate. They travel lightly. In John 10: 9a Jesus said, “*I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.*” The wide and well-traveled road has many short-term attractions *but leads to Hell*. The narrow road, which is far more lightly traveled leads to Heaven.



Jesus often spoke of this “Present Age” and the “Age to Come.” This Present age is the current time between Jesus first arrival on Earth and his second coming sometime in the future. This age is ruled by Satan according to I Corinthians 4:4



Our ninety years on Earth is during this Present Age. Papaw is in his late seventies



now so most of his ninety years have already past. Soon he will die physically and he expects to immediately go to be with Lord Jesus. Like the thief on the cross, he will immediately go to a place called Paradise.

Paradise is not Heaven. It is an intermediate state where Christians will wait for Jesus’ second return to Earth. It is a very

pleasant place. Paradise is a Persian word for garden. Paradise will likely be like the Garden of Eden as described in early Genesis.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 9:27, “It is appointed unto man once to die and after that, the judgment.” Judgment does not immediately follow physical death.

Christians will await judgment in Paradise and non-Christians will await judgment in a place called Hades or Sheol. Hades is not a pleasant place at all but it is not Hell.

Die 5

II Timothy 4: 6 – 8

I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

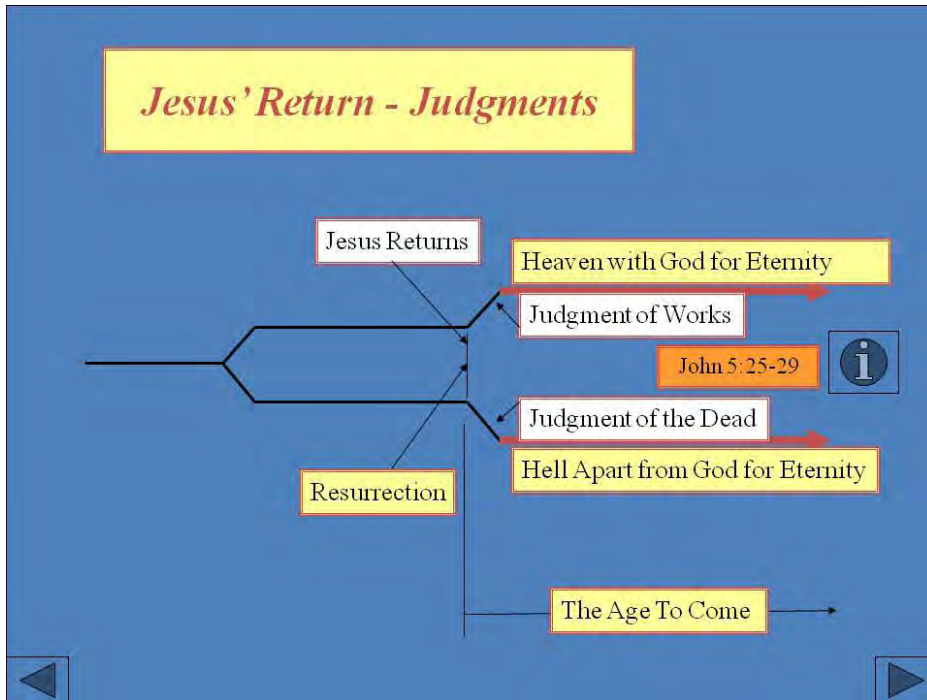
Luke 16: 19 – 26

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side (Paradise). The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus at his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in our lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’”

Our Heavenly rewards will be well worth spending our 90 years in service to our Christ rather than living selfish lives that only gratify us for a period.

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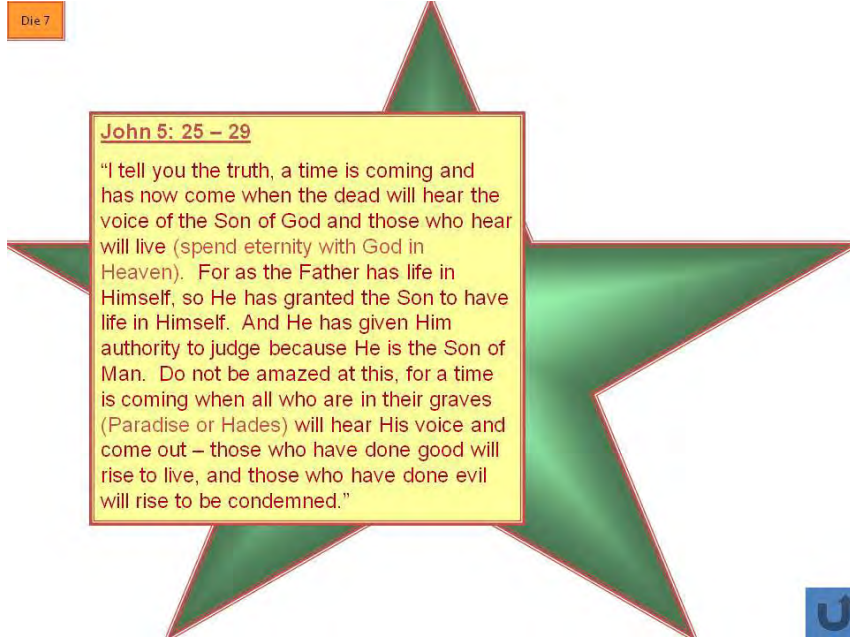
Physical death is certain and no one should ignore it. It absolutely will not go away.



The notion of spiritual death was introduced earlier during the chapter about Man. Spiritual death is what happened to Adam and Eve following their willful disobedience to God. They died spiritually which means

separation from God. They were cast out of the garden away from God and forbidden to return. That’s the way it will be once we experience physical death if we have not accepted God’s covenant provision for taking care of our sin. We will REMAIN separated from God first in Hades and later in Hell! We cannot bring sin into the presence of Holy God!!

Satan has successfully deceived people into thinking that their most serious problem is physical, financial, relational or emotional. Satan never suggests that our most serious problem is spiritual. Rather, he suggests that sin is an acceptable way of life



because the crowds are doing it; the ones rushing down the wide road to Hell.

Judgments

The Dead are Judged; “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it.....

Revelation 20: 11

Verse 12 – And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and *book(s)* were opened. Another *book* was opened which is the *book of life*. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the *books*.

Most people fear death yet the Christian should rejoice at the opportunity to leave Earth and join Jesus in Paradise where we are promised a much better life. Life in Paradise

will be better since we will not be encumbered with the limitations of the body that our spirits live in while here on Earth. There will be neither sickness nor sorrow there. Christians will be consciously alive as spiritual beings in Paradise awaiting the second coming of Jesus to Earth.

The Bible is clear on how we are to live while remaining in the body on Earth. Once our sin problem has been taken care of, we are to start a journey of growing more and more into the likeness of Jesus when He lived here. We are to live very active lives

performing good deeds for other people. The best deed will be sharing what Christ has done for you.

Following the session on Death continue daily Bible reading and prayer. Increase time spent in prayer and Bible

Die 8

Revelation 20: 11 - 15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from His presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and the books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire (Hell) The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Please note that there is a book (of life) and there are books of deeds. The books contain detailed records of our deeds while we live on earth.

The Christian passed from death to life when he choose Jesus to be the Lord of his life. Thus, his name is recorded in the Book of Life. The books of deeds for the Christian will result in rewards in Heaven and the books of deeds for the unbeliever will result in degrees of punishment in eternal Hell!

The Book of Life

Contains:

The names of the savedPhilippians 4:3
The deeds of the righteous ...Malachi 3:16 - 18



Excludes:

Renegades Exodus. 32:33; Ps 69: 28
Apostates Revelation 13:8; Rev. 17:8



Affords:

Joy Luke 10:20
Hope Hebrews 12:23



reading (include prayer for God's revelation of His purpose for your life.) Speak to someone about what Christ means to you. Volunteer to minister in some capacity through your church.

Die 9

Philippians 4: 3

Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Malachi 3: 16 - 18

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in His presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored His name. They will be mine, says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

Christians are called to be co-workers with Christ.

Your deeds accomplished through the Holy Spirit are being recorded for eternal rewards.

Die 10

Exodus 32: 33
 Then to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me I will blot out of my book."
Psalms 69: 28
 May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.
Revelation 13: 8
 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast – all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.
Revelation 17: 8
 The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

Die 11

Luke 10: 20
 "However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."
Hebrews 12: 23
 To the Church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect.

Hebrews 9:29

It is appointed unto Man once to die; then comes the Judgment

ARE YOU READY??

