

IF A MAN DIES, WILL HE LIVE AGAIN:

JOB 14:14

We started out by looking at a question in Job 14:14; which says, if a man dies will he live again? The short answer to the question is yes. The bigger question is where will he spend eternity after the resurrection? That question is answered in some of the Scriptures we read earlier. ECC. 3:1-15 tell us that there is a time for everything. A time to be born and a time to die. Death is certain. The Bible records the names of just a few men who lived and no records of their deaths, all others died.

Jesus said in times of death, we should not allow the time to trouble our hearts we should believe in Him because He is preparing a place for us, where there will be no more sorrow, dying or crying. He is preparing a place for us to be with Him. (John 14:1-7)

In answering the question will a man live after he dies, Jesus said He is the resurrection, and the life: those who believe in Him: thou he/ she were dead yet shall he/she live. And whosoever lives and believes in Him shall never die. (John 11:25-26) In other words whoever believes in Jesus will not die. When life on earth is ended, they sleep until the resurrection. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we too will be resurrected.

Paul uses the following Scriptures to explain this point. In 2 Corinthians 5:8 he stated that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. When a believer draws his or her last breath, that individual's spirit is united with the Lord, the flesh is buried. He said that if our only hope in Jesus was in this world we would be men to be pitied. (1 Corinthians 15:19) Our hope is in Jesus in this life and the one which is to come.

The verses of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 tell us that on that day when Jesus Christ comes to gather those who belong to Him, there will be a resurrection of the believers who were asleep, and they

and believers who are alive will be changed and will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air and we will be with Him forever. The Scripture goes on to say we should comfort one another with these words. There is hope that we will be with our loved ones again.

He went on to say that not all of us will sleep, but we will all be changed in a moment. It will be sudden; in the twinkling of an eye the change will take place. Our mortal bodies will be changed to an immortal one, just like the one Jesus had when He rose from the grave. We must be ready for that day, be steadfast, unmovable in our commitment and service for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

The Scriptures we have looked at so far provide comfort for the believers, but what about those who are not followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus addressed that in John 5:28-29; It says, “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. “Jesus states clearly that all who are buried, will be resurrected. Those who are His followers will be resurrected to eternal life and those who rejected Him, will be resurrected to damnation. The apostle John wrote in Revelation 20:11–15; that there will be a resurrection when Christ returns. At that return, the names of those who were followers of Jesus Christ would have been written in the book of life. Those whose names were not found in the book of life will be thrown in the lake of fire where they will be separated from God for eternity.

The answer to the question, “If a man dies, will he live again” is yes. Where he spends eternity will be determined by the choices he made while he was alive. He will be resurrected to spend eternity with Christ or his eternity in the lake of fire with the devil.

Today you have the opportunity to be sure that your name is written in the book of life and you will be able to spend your eternity with Christ in the place that He has prepared for you.

If you are not sure of where you will spend your eternity, this is your opportunity.

You can be sure by inviting Jesus into your life. If for any reason you are not sure, will you accept Jesus today by receiving the gift of salvation which He is offering? To do so will you repeat this simple pray with sincerity of heart

Dear God in heaven, I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I invite Jesus to be the Lord of my life and help me to serve you from this day forward. I accept your gift of salvation. Thank you for forgiving me of my sins, in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

If you said that simple prayer and meant it, welcome to the family of God. Tell someone of your decision. The Bible says you are born again. Get connected to a Bible Teaching church.