

## Life After Death

The **Book of Job** is the oldest in the Bible, and some consider it among the oldest books in the world. Job asks the question, **Job 14:14**: *“If a man dies, will he live again?”* This question has challenged people from all socioeconomic and educational backgrounds throughout history. We still hear questions being asked today. Do we cease to exist? Does everyone go to the same place after death, or do we end up in different places? Is there really a heaven and hell? King Solomon tells us, **Ecclesiastes 3:1-2**: *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die...”* The question for each of us is, *“Are you ready to meet God?”* **Hebrews 9:27**: *“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”* The Bible clearly teaches, from **Genesis** to **Revelation**, that this life is only a preparation for eternal life. The Old and New Testaments teach it. Jesus taught it. The apostles taught it. I came across the words that Billy Graham spoke in Greenville, SC, in 1966. *“I can stand here tonight and say to you on the authority of this book (Bible), I know my sins are forgiven. I know I’m going to heaven. I know that I’m going to live as long as God lives because the moment I received Christ, I became a partaker of God’s own life. Now I’m going to live one billion years, and I’ll only have begun. I know that. Not because of any goodness of my own. I’m not going to heaven because I lived a good life. I’m not going to heaven because I’ve preached to great crowds of people. I’m going to heaven because of what Christ did on the cross. For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourself, nor of works, lest any man should boast”*. The Bible teaches us that we have a physical body, but inside our body is our true self, the real you, and that’s the part of you that lives forever. Our bodies will turn to dust, but the real you—your intelligence, memory, and personality—will live on forever, according to Jesus. The key question you and I need to answer is: Do you know you're on your way to heaven? Are you completely sure you'll be in God's Kingdom right after you die? If you're not 100% certain, Jesus offers a guaranteed way to enter heaven. All you need to do is accept this free gift of salvation through faith and trust in Jesus. **Ephesians 2:8-9**: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”* The gift of everlasting life is accessible to all. **John 3:36**: *“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.”* We will not have the chance to accept God's gift of salvation after death. Our eternal destiny is determined during our earthly life by whether we accept or reject Jesus Christ. God says that if you receive Him, believe in Him, and put your trust, faith, and confidence in Him, I will forgive your sins and guarantee you eternal life in a place called heaven. Think about this: it's all ours and it's free. All we need to do is accept it. He offers us eternal life. What an offer!