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What Happens When We Die?

What happens when we die? Where do we go? Some people say we go straight to heaven. That sounds pretty good, doesn't it? Some people say we go to hell. That doesn't sound like fun. Others say we "sleep" until Jesus comes back for us. Again, let's turn to the Word of God. The Bible has all the answers for us.

1. How did Jesus describe death? (*John 11: 11-14*) _____

2. How does the Old Testament describe death? (*Deut. 31:14-16; 2 Sam. 7:12*)

3. What did Jesus teach about death and the resurrection? (*John 5:28, 29*)

Note: "Resurrection" means "to be brought back to life" or "to be raised from the dead". Jesus is saying that we sleep in our graves until He returns for us.

4. What happens when a person dies? (*Psalm 104:29*)_____

Note: When God removes his "breath" or "life" from us, we go to sleep until He returns for us.

5. Who alone is immortal? (*1 Timothy 6:15, 16; 1 Timothy 1:17*) _____

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Note: The word “immortal “means that you can never die.

6. When does man become immortal? (1 Corinthians 15: 51-54)

Note: We are mortal because we can die. But when Jesus comes, He is going to give us the gift of ‘immortality’. This means that we will never be able to die again. We will live forever and ever!

7. How much does man know during the time that he is dead? (Eccl.9: 5, 6)

Note: You don’t know anything while you are asleep. It’s the same thing when you die, you don’t remember anything at that time either.

8. What happens when Jesus comes back for us? (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

Conclusion: One day a boy went to Disney World with his family and had a great time. He was so tired at the end of the day that he fell fast asleep in the car on the way home. When his family arrived home, his dad picked him up and carried him into his bed. The next morning the boy woke up and said, “Hey, how did I get in my bed?” He didn’t remember anything!

3.

That's what it's like when you die. You fall asleep and don't remember anything until Jesus comes again for you. You will be together again with your family and best of all, Jesus will be with you and you will live forever with Him.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving me the gift of eternal life. I want to live in heaven with you and my parents. Please give me a heart to know you and to love you.

Your friend,

ANSWER KEY

Q1. As a sleep

Q2. As rest or sleep

Q3. You sleep until the resurrection

Q4. When God takes away His “breath”, we die

Q5. God

Q6. When Jesus comes for us at the resurrection

Q7. Nothing

Q8. When Jesus comes the dead rise first, then we who are left will join Him in the air and we will be together with God and our family