

# Beyond Death's Door

## Our Eternal Occupation Pastor Jesse Waggoner

Question: What will we be doing in Heaven?

- I. Our Occupational Purpose (Eph. 1:1-10)
  - A. Based on God's Work of Redemption
  - B. Flows from God's Love and Mercy
  - C. Results from God's glorification

Our chief occupation of Heaven will be to Display His Grace

- II. Our Occupational Practices (Rev. 4:1-11)
  - A. Display grace through presence
  - B. Display grace through worship
  - C. Display grace through service

Our chief preoccupation in heaven will be to Express our Appreciation

- III. Our Occupational Present (Rev. 3:20; Eph. 1:16)
  - A. Accept His Gift of Grace
  - B. Acknowledge His Grip of Grace

Our present Occupation is to be seeing ourselves In His Grace

# A Case Study

## Luke 16:19-31

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This case study pushes us to reevaluate the motivations in our lives

#### I. We must understand the seriousness of the life to come

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| 1. Yes it's real                   | 2. You have to die to go |
| 3. Conscience, continual existence | 4. No revisions allowed  |
| 5. Hell = Torment                  | 6. Heaven = comfort      |
| 7. No going back                   | 8. No talking back.      |

**Question:** Are you taking eternity seriously?

#### II. We must reject the life lived for self (Luke 16:14, 19-26)

- A. Success in this life does not guarantee success in the next (vs. 19-21)
- B. Death is inevitable (vs. 22)
- C. The consequences are severe (vs. 26)

**Question:** Are you rejecting a life lived for self?

#### III. We must accept the life directed by God (Luke 16:16, 27-31)

- A. All will come to the realization of the truth (vs. 27-28)
- B. All should respond to the truth now (vs. 29-31)

**Question:** Are you accepting God's direction in your life?

The New You  
1 Corinthians 15:35-58, Philippians 3:21  
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I. We must grasp the magnificence of our change (1 Cor. 15:34-44, 53)

- A. Incorruptible vs. 42
- B. glorious vs. 43a
- C. powerful vs. 43b
- D. spiritual vs. 44
- E. immortal vs. 53

**Idea:** Turn the pain around

II. We must grasp the method of our change ( 1 Cor. 15:51-54)

- A. The dead will be changed through resurrection
- B. The Living will be changed through rapture

**Idea:** Turn the view of death around

III. We must grasp the motivation caused by our change ( 1 Cor. 15:55-58)

- A. Worship based on a sure victory vs. 55-57
- B. Service based on a sure purpose vs. 58

**Idea:** Turn the frustration around

# The Grand Tour Revelation 21:9-22:5

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We Must Focus on Who is There, not where we are

### I. A Place for the People of God 21:9-21

#### A. A City Picturing the People of God 9-14

1. Old Testament Saints
2. New Testament Saints.

#### B. A City Presenting the People of God. 15-21

1. A Large Home vs. 15-17
2. A Beautiful Home vs. 18-21

Focus On: Focus on the Fellowship of the Saints

### II. A Place for the Glory of God 21:22-23

- A. God Dominates the city vs. 22
- B. God Illuminates the city vs. 23

Focus On: The Glory of God

### III. A Place for the Interaction of God and His People 21:24-22:5

- A. We are welcomed into His presence vs. 24-27
- B. We are refreshed in His presence 22:1-3a
- C. We are blessed in His presence vs. 3b-5

1. blessed by servicing Him
2. blessed by seeing Him
3. blessed by identifying with Him
4. blessed by reigning with Him

Focus On: Enjoying God's Presence