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WHERE ARE THE DEAD? LESSON 2

- Word Pictures For Our Limited Comprehension** We humans want specificity about things that aren't clearly revealed. (Deut 29:29) "*The _____ things _____ unto the _____ our God.*" I do not fully comprehend all "nuances" encountered in biblical eschatology. But, with Paul (2 Cor 11:5), my desire to search out truth cannot be impeached. Only fools are positive! We don't have to agree precisely on all eschatological matters. Always study with an open mind. ~Ed~
- Almost All Will Die Naturally** Physical death will be experienced by all except those still living at Jesus' Second Coming. (1 Thess 4:16-17) "*The dead _____ shall rise _____: Then we which are _____ and _____ shall be caught up together _____ in the clouds.*"
- Body & Spirit Separate At Death: The Body Decays; The Spirit Released** (Eccl 12:7) "*Then shall the _____ return to the earth _____: and the _____ shall return _____ who gave it.*" Do all spirits return to God? _____ If so, in what capacity? _____
- Does The Spirit Dread Being Body-less?** (2 Cor 5:1-10) This is addressed to Christians. (V2) "*For in this we _____, earnestly desiring to be _____ with our _____ which is from heaven.*" (a) Our present physical bodies are called (V1) an "*earthly _____ of this tabernacle.*" (b) We long for (V2) "*our _____ which is from _____.*" (c) Scripture indicates that the "unclothed" spirit *shall have* that "new body" – but when? How long must one groan and wait?
- Present In The Physical Body = Absent From Heaven** (1 Cor 15:50) "*_____ and _____ cannot inherit the _____ of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*" Why? Jesus said: (Jn 8:23) "*Ye are from _____; I am from _____: ye are of _____ world; I am _____ of this _____.*" He also said: (Jn 18:36) "*My kingdom is _____ this world.*" Paul states (2 Cor 5:6) that when "*we are _____ in the body, we are _____ from the Lord.*"
- Why Is This So?** Our immortal spirit is inextricably wedded to our physical body while we live on earth. Christians (1 Cor 15:22), "*even so _____ shall all be _____.*" While on earth the child of God can fall from grace (Gal 5:4). The potential to lose "eternal life" is over when God's faithful die. There is no time frame but (Heb 9:27) judgment *necessarily* follows death.
- What Every Child of God Desires** We wish to be (2 Cor 5:4) "*clothed upon, that _____ might be swallowed up of _____.*" Christians are both safe and saved once they die. The temptations of life are past. (Ps 116:15) "*_____ in the sight of the LORD is the _____ of his _____.*"
- A Closer Look At Luke 16:19-31** This reading tells of two conditions: (1.) The rich man is (V24) "*_____ in this _____.*" (2.) Lazarus (V25) "*is _____.*" Verse 26 tells us *only* that these two "places" are separated by impassable space. Aside from mythology, the "neither-heaven-nor-hell" two-compartment interpretation seems to come from this **word picture**.

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