

March 21, 2021 - From Death to Life

Even some people who profess faith in Jesus have expressed doubts about life after death.

- How Paul put it for scoffers in 1 Corinthians 15:12-19, 20.
- And to the Athenian philosophers in Acts 17:22-34.

For the believer, it is life beyond our wildest thoughts, imaginations, dreams and desires! - 1 Corinthians 2:9

In Scripture, there are 10 accounts of people being raised to life:

- 1) 3 in the Old Testament: 1 Kings 17; 2 Kings 4; 2 Kings 13.
- 2) 3 by Jesus during His earthly ministry: widow's son (Luke 7); Jairus' daughter (Matthew 9, Mark 5, Luke 8), Lazarus (John 11).
- 3) Jesus Himself by God: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts 2:24,32, Acts 13:29-30, Romans 8:10-11, Romans 10:9, 1 Corinthians 6:14, Ephesians 1:15-23, Hebrews 13:20-21, 1 Peter 1:21.
 - a) 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 - People who saw Jesus after He had risen.
- 4) Many right after Jesus rose: Matthew 27:50-53.
- 5) 1 by the apostle Peter: Acts 9.
- 6) 1 by the apostle Paul: Acts 20.

Other assurances in Scripture of life after death for we who are followers of Jesus:

- 1) The parable by Jesus of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16.
- 2) During the crucifixion in Luke 23:43.
- 3) Paul knew to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.
 - Philippians 1:21-24

For the person whose faith and hope are in Jesus:

- John 5:24
- 2 Timothy 1:10
- 1 Corinthians 15:54

Death will NEVER have the last word for those who are in Christ Jesus:

- Romans 8:1-2
- 1 Peter 1:3-9