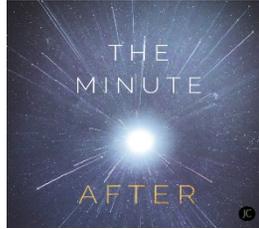


THE MINUTE AFTER – Week #1 November 7, 2021



2 Corinthians 5:1 (NLT) For we know that **when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body** made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

2 Corinthians 5:2-5 (NLT) We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. **3 For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies.** **4 While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us.** Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. **5 God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.**

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NLT) We are **always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord.** **7 For we live by believing and not by seeing.** **8 Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.**
v. 8 (KJV) *to be absent from the bodies is to be present with the Lord.*

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NLT) So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, **our goal is to please him.**

3 THINGS THAT HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER WE DIE:

FIRST - our **physical bodies** die

Hebrews 9:27 tells us that “each person is destined to die once.”

SECOND - our **souls separate** from our physical bodies

Matthew 10:28 (NLT) *Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell*

Awe (defn.) - A feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder.

John 11:25 (NIV) *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

Luke 23:43 (NIV) *Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.*

“Paradise” - *Paradeisos* (Greek) – A place of future happiness

Philippians 1:21-24 (NIV) *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: **I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;** ²⁴ **but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.***

THIRD - we will all face **judgment**

Hebrews 9:27 (NLT) [ENTIRE VERSE] *And just as each person is destined to die once **and after that comes judgment,***

1 Peter 1:17 (NLT) *And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to*



what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as “temporary residents.”

1ST JUDGMENT – Great White Throne (Judgment of Non-believers)

Rev 20:11-15 (NLT) *The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God’s throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.* ¹³ *The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. **And all were judged according to their deeds.*** ¹⁴ *Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death.* ¹⁵ **And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.**

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV) **Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** ²² *Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’* ²³ *Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’*

“Knew” - *Ginosko* (Greek) - Come to know; recognition of truth from experience.

2ND JUDGMENT – The Judgment Seat of Christ (The place of reward for believers)

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) *For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

“Judgment Seat of Christ” - *Bema* (Greek) – Throne; the place where athletes would collect their reward in the Greek Olympics.

TAKE IT FURTHER/CHALLENGE:

- Does it make you feel uneasy to talk or think about death? Why do you think that is?
- Do you have apprehension/fear about the judgment we talked about today? What steps can you take to have peace with that?
- Do you think you live with eternity in your heart?
- What might you need to allow the Holy Spirit to recalibrate in your life?

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