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### Heaven and Hell

#### Lesson 7 quicken

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We have been studying together the Biblical proof of life beyond the grave. Let us consider an unusual word that's somewhat common to the Bible; but one you do not hear too often in other places. That word is "quicken" or "quickenened". The "quick", if you've ever bitten your nails down to the "quick"; that is you got down to the living part. But in your Bible, the word "quicken" means "to make alive, so as to never die again."

When you read that word "quicken" in the Bible, the definition goes beyond God just giving you life. He gives you a life that can never again be interrupted by death. When you are able to grasp that understanding in your Christian Life, you will have a much better understanding of what God has given you. We are going to receive a new and glorified body, and the life of that body will never be interrupted by death.

If you are saved, death for you will be but an interruption; and that only in the realm of your body. If you are reading this and you're not saved, you're lost, death for you will not be an interruption. It will be, believe it or not, the last good day you will ever know. Beyond that, it's nothing but trouble and misery.

First Peter 3:18. ***For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit;*** The Bible says Christ suffered for sins; Christ was raised from the dead; and you could not put anybody else's name in there as a substitute for Christ. But you can put Christ in there because He is the only one who first of all, suffered for sins, second of all, rose from the dead and thirdly, then by virtue of His suffering and His resurrection, can and does bring us to God. So Jesus Christ is not the founder of one of the world's great religions. He is the worlds only Saviour. Any religion will do to live by; but none of them are fit to die by. You are going to die; you need a Saviour, not a religion. And the Saviour is Jesus Christ! The Bible says, ***"for Christ has also once suffered for sins,"*** and Hallelujah for the word ***"once"***. He is not going to do it again. This means He must have taken care of the whole thing, the first time. If He suffered once for sins then there are no sins that have not been paid for, there is nothing left for you to work out; nothing left for you to pay off by your merit, nothing for you to hang or hold on to. If the only thing that will keep a man or woman, boy or girl out of Heaven is sin and Jesus Christ has paid for all sins of the whole world, it is one sacrifice on the cross at Calvary, then that is what you need to put your faith and trust in.

If you have come to know the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, you can know of a certainty, there is nothing to bar your soul from Heaven because Jesus Christ in His one sacrifice on the cross paid for all sins.

The Bible says that ***Christ, also had once suffered for sins the just for the unjust.*** Now, that word "just" refers to one person; Jesus Christ is the just and no one else is called just. The Bible says, ***there is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not.*** So Jesus Christ is the just! If He's the only just, then who makes up that other group known as the unjust? That would be everybody else. So Jesus Christ, when He died His one death on the cross, died as the only just man for all the other people who had ever lived and if He died for sins and died for all, then He died for every sin that every person had ever, would ever, or even will commit. That is quite of an offering, a sacrifice, and a payment. A famous Christian hymn has a lot to say, Thank God the songwriter said it truly, when He said:

*"Jesus paid it all,  
all to Him I owe,  
sin had left a crimson stain  
he washed it white as snow."*

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He did not just die for sins because He loved you and cared for you. He did not just die for sins because they were bad and they were hurtful; on course all of those are true, He died for our sins because your sin has separated you from your God.

Jesus Christ having died for everyone's sins, and Jesus Christ having paid for everyone's sins still does not get you to Heaven. Because even though that payment has been made; even though that offering has been presented to God the Father by God the Son, you are still separated from God. The verse says ***Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God.*** If you are unjust, you can come to God; but Jesus Christ will have to bring you. If you are a sinner, you can come to God, but Jesus Christ will have to bring you. So the devil steps on the scene and he is not trying to get you to go out and spend your life as a drunkard or get involved in drugs or get involved in immoral behavior. You can do that all by yourself. That is not his business. Satan's work according to the New Testament is to tempt, distract or sidetrack you when you finally realize in your heart and say to yourself "I'm a sinner, guilty and condemned. I need to get to God. It is Satan's work to provide you something religious to sidetrack you so you never get to God. And while you are studying the Bible and saying prayers and singing songs and cleaning up your life, and becoming an active member of a decent and good and honorable religion, you are being deceived by the devil into following your own self righteousness right into hell.

The Bible says Christ died for our sins. The Bible says Jesus Christ the just one paid for the sins of the unjust but you will not get to God the Father unless you come by the escort, by the personal invitation of the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, ***I am the way, the truth, the life and no man cometh unto the Father but my me.*** He came into this world, He died on that bloody cross, He shed His precious blood to wash your sins away, that just man, the only one, died for all of us who are unjust; He made it possible for you to come to God, He didn't guarantee that you would. He made a door of opportunity for you to enter into and get to God. He does not drag you through the door; He does not force you through the door; but if you want to spend eternity in Heaven, you can come by way of Jesus Christ.

There is someone who can get you into Heaven. He is just not the doorkeeper; He is the door, the hinges, the frame, the building, the foundation of the building and the chief cornerstone of the building; He's the whole thing. Baptism, church membership and putting money in the offering plate can never get you into heaven. Only Jesus can!

The Bible says, ***being put to death in the flesh.*** [That's what Jesus did in order that He might bring us to God, He died on that cross in a body of flesh.] ***but quickened by the Spirit.*** Jesus Christ died and when He rose from the dead, by the work of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It's all there in that verse, when he rose from the dead He was not only alive He said in Revelation 1:18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;* Do you know what that is? That's "quickened." I was alive; death interrupted my life; now I am alive again and I will never again know the interruption of life. I am alive forevermore, that is your Bible word "quickened." So the one who is my offering; the One who is my entrance in Heaven will never die again. He died once to pay for my sins; but now the Bible says He ever liveth to make intercession for us. So Jesus Christ has died and He was quickened.

Keep in mind what we have learned, you are a spirit and a soul and a body. We are dealing in this day and time with the salvation of the soul. Your body is not going to make it out of here. You would have to be changed to even get anywhere near God's throne. It's your soul!

Ephesians 2:1. ***And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time pass ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince and the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.*** You were not living your life. You were being dragged through life by all that was unclean, unrighteous, unholy; you were not making your own choices. You were not making your own decisions; the motion of your sins in your members was continually surrendering to the allurement and the enticement of

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the world, of the flesh, and of the devil, that was the course of your life that you followed. The Bible says to those that were *dead in trespasses and sins*,

Ephesians 2:3 *Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, ... [And you, verse 1; but God, verse 4] But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. (KJV)*

Why is it that a saved person has this assurance that “to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord?” Why is there no soul sleep, no intermediate state, purgatory or no reincarnation? Because my soul has just not been given life, my soul has been quickened. There will never be an interruption on the part of death in my soul. God loved me. God saved me. God by His grace gave me life and that life is referred to as a “quickening.” “You hath he quickened.” In the same way Jesus Christ is alive; never to die again. My soul is alive never to die again. Quickened” perhaps *absent from the body* but no death. No death, *present with the Lord*.

Romans 8:11. *But if the Spirit in Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you [The Holy Spirit lives in you if you are saved. This is the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead.] He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.* There is not only going to be that day; when I am absent from the body and present with the Lord; and you take my body out and bury it. There is going to be a day when that same Holy Spirit, that quickened the body that Jesus Christ after He died on the cross, after He laid in the tomb for three days and three nights, Jesus walked out of that tomb in that body, He ascended to the right hand of the Father in that body. He’s coming back to this earth in that body. He’s going to live forever in that body. The Bible says the same Holy Spirit is going to get my body up and quicken that body, glorify that body and just as surely Jesus Christ lives forever in an undying state of glory in the presence of His Father. So every body that’s saved is going to be resurrected to live in an undying glorious state in the presence of the Father just like Jesus. A body made alive never to die again. No more interruption on the part of death.

Psalms 71:19. *Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee! 20 Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. 21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.* You are going to have your troubles, you are going to have your sorrow, you are going to have your heartache, you may even know physical death, they may even bury your bones in the ground. But the promise of the Bible is just as sure as I’ve been through all that hardship. I am going to know the joy of living in resurrection power and everlasting life by the marvelous operation of God the Father through God the Son by the operation of God the Holy Spirit and that’s going to transpire not only in my soul which has already taken place, but in my body in a future day.

Here is a great passage on the resurrection; which leads into the white throne judgment. The Bible says in Job 14:1, *Man that is born of a woman [This verse has to do with you.] Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. 2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. 3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.* That’s why you need to be born again. You’re unclean. You can’t make yourself clean. You can’t produce a clean life out of an unclean life. You can’t get straight. You can’t get pure. You can’t get holy. You’re going to have to come to Jesus.

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Verse number 5. *Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass: Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day. For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof was old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.* There is something down deep in that earth and it's not ceased to show any signs of life, it's rotted, it's decayed, and the Lord said, "I can send some living, life giving water down in that earth and I can touch the root of that old thing and I can cause that thing to spring forth and produce life once again, and bud and bloom and blossom and grow."

He was referring to this physical body – He said it is like a corn of wheat. He said it might fall in the ground and die. But when the rains come in the spring time and the warm sun shines upon the ground that corn of wheat that died, it will shoot forth, it will put its roots down; it will send forth a life-giving plant and bud.

God is not overcome by death, death is overcome by God. He has quickened the soul of every believer; and He has promised to quicken the body of every believer, you can enjoy forever the life uninterrupted that His own dear son Jesus Christ enjoys if you will just put your faith and trust in Him.

That's what everybody wants. Not everybody wants this church or that church. Not everybody wants this religion or that religion. Not everybody likes this style of preaching or that style of Bible teaching. We are all different along those regards, but everybody living wants to live forever. Deep down in their soul, they want to have everlasting life. The devil might deceive you into ending this life; God wants to give you truth and offer you life that does not end – unending life through faith in the person of God's dear son the Lord Jesus Christ. He's the just one; we are the unjust. He knew no sin; but He died for our sins. We cannot get to God, but He will bring us to God. We do not have the power to live forever, but He has the power of an endless life.

Ephesians 2:4-5 says, *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)* It is great to know that your soul will never die. There is coming a day that this old body will be raised up changed and glorified. It will never die. Simply a matter of you putting your faith and your trust in what this Bible says about the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. He loved you, died for you rose from the dead for you. He wants to introduce you to His Father. Jesus said, "I'll pay your initiation fee; I'll get you in!" *Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.* He said *come unto me all ye that labour; heavy laden; I will give you rest.* He delights giving eternal life to all those who believe. What a blessing to know, my soul has been quickened and my body will be quickened?

Notes

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use back of this sheet if you need more room for answers)

1. What does the word "quicken" mean?
2. For the unbeliever, what will be the last good day they will ever know?
3. Name the three reasons why Jesus Christ is our substitute (1 Peter 3:18).
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
4. What does "once" mean in 1 Peter 3:18?
5. How many people does the word "just" refer to in 1 Peter 3:18?
6. What is the key verse of this lesson?
7. Why did Jesus die according to this lesson?
8. What is Satan's work according to this lesson?
9. What two words separates the two major thoughts of Ephesians 2:1-4?
10. According to Job:14:1, why must a man be born again?
11. Who are the unjust?
12. You are going to \_\_\_\_\_. You need a \_\_\_\_\_, not a religion.

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13. Jesus Christ in His one \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross \_\_\_\_\_ for all \_\_\_\_\_. *(Fill in the blanks) (See page 1.)*
14. According to Romans 8:11, what kind of body are we going to have?

## True/False

- The “Holy Trinity” can be found in 1 Peter 3:18.
- Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.
- There will be an interruption on the part of death in my soul.
- Another definition for “quicken”: is “to be alive forevermore.”
- You’re unclean. You can’t make yourself clean.



Scripture memorization (write these verses out on the back of this page) must be in KJV. 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:4; Job 14:1

any questions?