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What Happens 60 Seconds After We Die?

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And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment...

HEBREWS 9 : 2 7

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But now he has appeared one time, at the end of the ages, for the removal of sin by the sacrifice of himself.

HEBREWS 9 : 2 6

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There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing.

2 TIMOTHY 4:8

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2. The consequences of not preparing for life after death are eternal.

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They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from his glorious strength...

2 THESSALONIANS 1:9

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Believers are consciously present with Jesus after we die.

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For we know that if our earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands. Indeed, we groan in this tent, desiring to put on our heavenly dwelling, since, when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-9

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So we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. In fact, we are confident, and we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-9

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So it is with the resurrection of the dead: Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption; sown in dishonor, raised in glory; sown in weakness, raised in power; sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:42-44

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Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul.

1 PETER 2:11

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But as it is written, What no eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no human heart has conceived—God has prepared these
things for those who love him.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

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Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since the
Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10

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**Our identity is in eternity,
not in the temporal world we experience now.**

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So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

COLOSSIANS 3 : 1 - 4

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“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”

LUKE 19:10

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**We are currently on mission; when the mission is done
we will experience something far greater.**

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I am torn between the two. I long to depart and be with Christ—
which is far better—but to remain in the flesh is more necessary
for your sake.

PHILIPPIANS 1:23-24

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Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

And he said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

LUKE 23:42-43

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5. We await the new heaven and earth, or eternal heaven, when God makes all things new (Revelation 21-22).

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He who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.

REVELATION 22:20-21

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APPLICATION:

1. If we have this hope and promise as believers, how should we live now?
2. What does teach us about how to face the challenges of this life?
3. If you study church history you will realize the Christian communities who gave emphasis to the joy of heaven and the return of Christ tended to be more committed to and effective in evangelism. How can our confidence in these truths we learned help to create urgency in us for the lost?

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