

Hot-topic:

What happens when we die?

Sunday 23rd April

Imagine you are speaking to someone asking serious questions about what might happen to them when they die.

How would you respond?

The Christian hope of life after death:

- That for every believer there is the **hope** of **their spirit** going into the presence of Jesus in heaven immediately following death. (2 Corinthians 5v6)
- That **body and soul together** will ultimately be **reunited** through **Resurrection** to live a restored, glorified life in the new heavens and earth (1 Corinthians 15v35-54) (2 Peter 3v13) (Rev 21)



The practical hope of the resurrection:

- **It gives hope**
 - No matter what we go through, life does not end in futility.
 - God will make everything new.
- **It gives dignity to our created bodies. Even though they are frail.**
 - Our bodies are not worthless, even when we experience them wearing out.
 - They are part of who we are and will be glorified!



Ecclesiastes 12v7

the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Luke 23v46

⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”^[e] When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Acts 7v59

‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’

The Christians 'dilemma' (2 Corinthians 5v6)

**v6....when we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord.**

v7.For we live by faith, not by sight.

**v8 We are confident, I say, and would
prefer to be away from the body and at
home with the Lord.**

