

7. What is life after death like? Are ~~wie~~ spirits, ghosts or what? Or is there reincarnation; that is, do we come back to earth in another body to live another life?

Actually the Lord JC Himself answered this question while He was here on earth.

That's interesting. Where would we find His answer?

His answer is recorded in the gospel of Luke chapter 16 beginning at verse 19. There He told us about 2 men who died. One went to heaven and the other to hell. But both were conscious persons even after death. Now, of course, when a person dies, his body goes to the grave, but he does not cease to exist. Only the body dies, so the person continues to exist either in heaven or hell. ~~But both were conscious persons even after death.~~ And we exist in a conscious state. In this story the Lord told, one ~~man~~ man enjoyed the happiness of heaven, and the other ~~man~~ experienced the torment of hell.

But what about the body that is placed in the grave? Is there any future resurrection?

Yes, all people will eventually be raised from the dead. In other words, the immaterial nature of the person ~~that~~ continues to exist consciously either in ~~heaven~~ or hell will be reunited with the remade body at the time of resurrection. Christians will receive ~~body~~ like Christ's resurrection body and will live forever with Him in heaven. Unbelievers will also receive some kind of body which will live forever and which will ~~not~~ ^{ever} be destroyed by the fire of the lake of fire. That's a frightening thought.

It certainly is. I think a lot of people have the idea that death ends it all, but that isn't true, is it?

No, death does not end life; ~~it~~ Every person born into this world will live forever, either in heaven ~~an~~ in hell. That makes it very important ~~for~~ for each one to be sure that he will go to heaven because he has received Christ as his own personal Savior.

But our listener has also asked about reincarnation. After death, do people come back to live another life here on earth in another body?

No, the Bible says clearly that it is appointed to men to die once, and after that to face judgment (Heb. 9:27). One life here on earth, one death, then judgment. So again I repeat it is so important to know today whether or not you are saved.

8. Can people who have heard and rejected the Gospel today be saved after the Lord comes and the tribulation begins?

It would seem that anyone who knows anything about the Bible and who, because he rejected Christ as Savior today, goes into the tribulation period with the awful ~~judgments~~ experiences that will characterize that time, would certainly turn to Christ immediately. When he sees the things happening that he has heard or read about, wouldn't he turn to Christ?

Well, it seems logical to think that he would.

But we must remember that the heart of man is very deceitful and people in those days will talk themselves into thinking that there must be some ~~other~~ explanation for the ~~events~~ ^{He} events of the tribulation days other than that God is actually doing what He said ~~would~~ would. Furthermore, our Lord Jesus said that people are naturally ~~so~~ blinded against accepting the truth that even if someone would rise from the dead they will not be persuaded (Luke 16:31). And of course He was the one who rose from the dead and people do not receive him today.

Is there anything else that helps answer this question?

Yes, there is another passage of Scripture that says that in those days of tribulation God will send people strong delusion, that they should believe the lie of Antichrist-- ~~people~~ people who believed not the truth ~~and~~ but had pleasure in unrighteousness. Those verses in 2 Thess. 2:11-22 may indicate that those who deliberately believed not today but had pleasure in unrighteousness will be so deluded that they won't believe even in the face of all the evidence that the tribulation brings to them.

Of course, the important thing to consider is not whether people living now will have further opportunity to be saved then, but the important thing to ask is, am I now a believer in the Lord Jesus. And if not, why not. If you receive Him as Savior today, you won't even be here during the tribulation days.