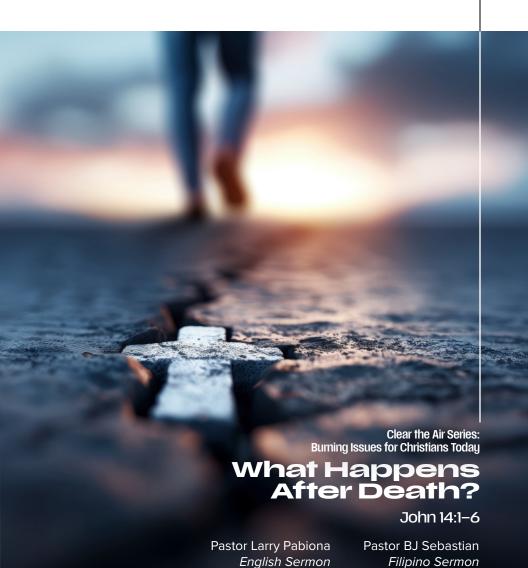


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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE



Pastor Larry Pabiona Speaker

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Community Prayer
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Clear the Air Series: Burning Issues for Christians Today

# What Happens After Death?

John 14:1-6

There are only two outcomes for anyone today: with God and apart from God. Each destination is immediate, conscious, and eternal.

- Some Biblical descriptions of heaven:
  - 1. Prepared by Jesus for believers: John 14:2-3.
  - 2. The immediate destination of believers at death: Luke 23:43.
  - 3. Where Jesus presently reigns: Philippians 3:20-21.
  - 4. A desirable place because of Jesus: 2 Corinthians 5:6–8.
  - 5. Heaven contains Paradise: 2 Corinthians 12:2-4.
  - A place of eternal joy and peace because of God: Revelation 21:3–4.
  - 7. A place of rewards: 1 Peter 1:4.
- Some Biblical descriptions of hell:
  - 1. A place of eternal punishment: Matthew 25:46.
  - 2. A place of conscious torment: Luke 16:22-24.
  - 3. Eternal separation from God: 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9.
  - 4. For all not found in the Book of Life: Revelation 20:15.
  - 5. There is eternal regret and pain: Matthew 13:41–42.
  - 6. Both body and soul are there: Matthew 10:28.

#### WHAT OTHER POSSIBILITIES ARE CLAIMED AFTER DEATH?

- Soul sleep: refuted by Bible passages about conscious presence in heaven or hell.
- Annihilation: refuted by Bible passages that speak of eternal reward or punishment.
- Purgatory: never had Biblical basis.

#### WHAT ABOUT NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES (NDE)?

- Evaluate NDE against Scripture. NDE may be due to natural causes, spiritual deception, or imagination. The Bible, not subjective experience, is the authority on matters of heaven or hell.
  - Physiological explanations: Most medical scientists attribute NDE to natural processes occurring in the brain.
  - Subjective and unreliable nature of NDE: NDE vary widely across cultures and religions. The Bible is the only authoritative source for understanding life after death (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and NDE are unreliable for making doctrinal conclusions.
  - Potential for deception: NDE that contradict biblical truth may be deceptions by demonic forces (2 Corinthians 11:14).
     Compare NDE with the Bible and reject what contradicts Scripture, e.g., visiting heaven or hell temporarily and returning to life contradicts Hebrews 9:27.

Will you end up in heaven or hell? Make sure you end up in the right destination! ■

Clear the Air Series: Burning Issues for Christians Today

## Ano Ang Mangyayari sa Atin Pagkatapos ng Ating Kamatayan?

Luke 16:19-26

Ang kamatayan ay ang isang paksa na palaging mahirap pag-isipan o pag-usapan man. Marami ang maling paniniwala tungkol sa kung ano ba talaga ang mangyayari sa tao pagkatapos niya mamatay. Malinaw naman ang turo ng Biblia tungkol sa paksa na ito, at iyan ang pagaaralan natin ngayon.

#### 1. ANG TAMANG PAG-UNAWA NG KAMATAYAN AYON SA BIBLIA

- Pisikal na kamatayan: paghihiwalay ng kaluluwa sa katawan (Genesis 2:7, 17; Romans 5:12)
- Espiritwal na kamatayan: pagiging patay sa mga bagay ng Diyos (Ephesians 2:1; John 3:36)
- Walang-hanggang kamatayan: pagiging hiwalay sa presensya ng Diyos magpakailanman (2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 21:8)

#### 2. ANG MGA MALING PANINIWALA TUNGKOL SA MANGYAYARI SA TAO PAGKATAPOS NG KAMATAYAN

- universalism: ang lahat ng tao ay maliligtas sa wakas dahil sa dakilang pag-ibig ng Diyos para sa lahat ng Kanyang nilalang (Matthew 25:41, 46; Romans 1:32)
- b. Annihilationism: ang lahat ng hindi maliligtas kay Kristo Hesus ay basta na lang titigil ng pag-iral (Luke 16:22-24; Isaiah 66:24)
- c. Purgatoryo: ang lahat ng tao na namatay nang may pagkilala kay Kristo ay mapupunta sa isang lugar kung saan sila'y lilinisin hanggang sila ay maging tunay na karapat-dapat na makapasok sa langit (2 Corinthians 5:8).
- d. Soul Sleep: ang kaluluwa ng mga mananampalataya ay matutulog pagkatapos nila mamatay, hanggang sa pagbabalik ni Kristo (Luke 23:42–43)

#### 3. ANO BA ANG TAMANG PANINIWALA TUNGKOL SA MANGYAYARI SA TAO PAGKATAPOS NG KAMATAYAN

- Para sa mga na kay Kristo Hesus at tunay na nanampalataya sa Kanya, pagpasok sa Kanyang presensya, kaaliwan at kaluwalhatian (John 3:16; Psalm 16:11; Matthew 25:21; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 3:4)
- Para sa mga tatanggi sa alok na kaligtasan ni Kristo, pagpasok sa ilalim ng Kanyang paghuhusga at kaparusahan na walanghanggan (Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:24; Revelation 21:8; Romans 2:8; 2 Thessalonians 1:8–9)

Malinaw na dalawa lang ang maaaring destinasyon ng tao sa kabilang buhay – kaligtasan sa piling ng ating Panginoon, o kaparusahan na walang-hanggan sa labas ng Kanyang presensya. Isa lang ang ating pagkakataon na magpasya, at ito ay sa buhay lang na ito. Ano ba ang inyong kapasyahan? (Deuteronomy 30:19; Hebrews 2:3; 3:15; 2 Corinthians 6:2) ■

## FILIPINO WORSHIP SERVICE



Pastor BJ Sebastian Speaker

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Tawag sa Pagsamba Pagsamba sa Pag-awit Pakikipag-ugnayan Baptism

Panalangin ng Kapulungan

Paghahandog

Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan

Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos

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## WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

### SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English 10:30 AM English Auditorium B

**3:00 PM** Filipino **5:30 PM** English Auditorium A

### SATURDAYS

**5:30 PM** Traditional Auditorium B

Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM

#### KIDS on SUNDAYS

I 8:00 AM KidsLIFE Discipleship For ages 1.5 to 12 • 4th Floor

I 10:30 AM KidsLIFE Sunday School For ages 1.5 to 3 • Ground Floor

For ages 1.5 to 3 • Ground Floor For ages 4 to 13 • 4th Floor

#### YOUTH on SATURDAYS

14:00 PM YouthLIVE Worship

For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

#### YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

17:00 PM YA Fridays

For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

#### **BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS**

19:30 AM Sunday Bible School (SBS)

Open to all • GCF Chapel

19:30 AM "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study

For all youth • Room B124

19:30 AM Men's Growth Group Express

Open to all men • Room B117

#### PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Open to all • GCF Chapel and Zoom

#### **OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS**

15:30 PM Ortigas Community Outreach

Open to all • Fellowship Hall

## TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!

#### THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously iudges and punishes all sin.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

"Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy." (Revelation 15:4)

#### THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Romans 3:23) "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." (Romans 1:18)

#### THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

"Jesus said "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28–30)

#### WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."

## UPCOMING **ACTIVITIES** AT GCF ORTIGAS

## **GCF 47th Anniversary**

Feb 3-7 SELAH: Prayer and Fasting Week

Monday Prayer Nights 8:00 PM to Friday GCF Chapel and via Zoom

Feb 8 and 9 Sat • 5:00 PM

Saturday Sun • 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM and Sunday

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## Men's Monthly Fellowship

Jan 12 9:00 AM

Sunday Fellowship Hall Open to all men

## **SUPAMoms Monthly Fellowship**

Jan 18 1:00-4:00 PM Saturday Room BM02-BM03 Open to all solo mothers

## Naomi Monthly Bible Study Fellowship

Jan 25 9:00 AM - 12:00 NN Saturday Fellowship Hall

Open to all widows

## **Ouestions about GCF Ortigas?**

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about GCF ministries? Visit the Info Hub at the Main Lobby

## Are you here for the first time?

We would love to connect with you! After every Service, our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at acf.link/GCFWelcome

## Do you need someone to talk to?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

## **HIGHLIGHT** OF THE WEEK

INFORMATION HUB



## **Newlu-Elected Elders and Deacons**

As one church family, we prayerfully commissioned our newly-elected Elders and Deacons last Sunday. Let us continue to uphold them and their families and ministries in prayer and love!

# SHEPHERD'S



Pastor Jojun Loanzon

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#### CHRIST IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH

Christ, the Son of the living God, is building His Church (Matthew 16:16, 18), particularly through Greenhills Christian Fellowship (GCF), which gathers at the corner of Garnet and Ruby Roads, Ortigas Center.

We praise God for increasing our on-site attendance, for adding GCF members, for raising baptisms, and for bringing more people to put their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in 2024. In 2025, we continue with the theme "Build Up and Reach Out Together" with a focus on our "oikos" (family, friends, and sphere of influence) and Ortigas Center. These are opportunities placed within our reach by our Sovereign God.

Beloved GCF family, take part in Christ's mission to redeem His creation. Be built up by joining a **Growth Group** to (G.R.O.W.) Grow in the Word, Relationships, Outreach, and Worship. If you're already in a Growth Group, consider joining the Growth Group Leadership Training (GGLT) to lead

Reach out and proclaim the good news of God's grace to your oikos. Equip yourself to share the gospel by joining our **Evangelism Training Program**. Remember, the gospel "is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16-17).

Invite your oikos to our Worship Services where the Word and the gospel is preached. Let's also reach out to our community by participating in the Ortigas Community Outreach every Wednesday. For those who love sports, join our Sports Ministry activities like basketball, badminton, pickleball, and table tennis to connect with others while staying active.

Above all, let us rely on God's power through prayer. Join the GCF Family Hour of Prayer to worship God, reflect on His Word, and intercede for our church, families, and nation. Together, let us Build Up and Reach Out Together to our oikos and the Ortigas Center for God's glory.

#### **CLEAR THE AIR 2025**

For the next three weekends of January 2025, we will be going through our annual "Clear the Air" Series that takes up burning issues affecting Christians today:

January 11–12: What Happens After Death?

- (heaven, hell, annihilationism, soul sleep, NDE, etc.)
- January 18–19: Artificial Intelligence (Al)—good or evil?
   January 25–26: Creation Care (Should Christians Care?)

Please invite family and friends to join you as we tackle these from a Biblical standpoint.

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