

# GREG'S NOTES

## A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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### HELLO FROM THE OTHER SIDE

Matthew 28

The afterlife. It is something that we think about quite often. We know it is coming. The older you get, the reality of it gets stronger. You start losing friends. Maybe even some family members. You know your day is going to come. We wonder what happens when we die. Where do people go? What is it like? Can they say hello from the other side? There is only one person who is a reliable source on the afterlife who has been there and returned. It's Jesus Christ and we celebrate His death and resurrection at Easter time.

Here are some takeaway truths from the death and resurrection of Jesus.

#### PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **Because of Jesus' resurrection, if you are a Christian you will have life after death in Heaven.** This is only for believers—the only destination of those who put their faith in Jesus. When you die, if you are a Christian, you go straight to Heaven. The apostle Paul said to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. So Christians do not have to fear death.
2. **Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, you will live life to its fullest.** When you are young, the question is, is there life during life? The good news is Jesus will give you a life worth living right here. Jesus said in John 10:10, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (NKJV).
3. **Because of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, there will be a final judgment.** Acts 17:31 says, "He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead" (NKJV). There is a final court of arbitration. There will be final justice meted out. Christians do not have to be afraid of this final judgment.

#### RELEVANT REMINDERS

- When Christians die, they go to Heaven. We have a hope of reunion with loved ones that precede us to Heaven.
- The nonbeliever doesn't have this hope. When non-Christians die, they will face final judgment and Hell.
- Jesus died and rose again so we could have a relationship with Him, and life during life.

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### APPLICABLE ACTIONS

The big question on that final day is not going to be how good of a life you lived. Even if you lived the best possible life, you still fall short of God's standard. God will not let you into Heaven because you have lived a good life. You need to come through Jesus. That is the only way to get into Heaven. In that final day, it is not so much a sin question as much as it is a Son question. In other words, what did you do with Jesus the Son of God? If you have not put your faith in Him, then you will face a certain judgment.