

# GREG'S NOTES

## A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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### WHAT HAPPENS BEYOND THE GRAVE?

John 5

One day we are all going to die. Statistics show that one out of every one persons will die. We all have to face it. Ecclesiastes 3 says, “There is a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die.” But death is not the end of existence. We will all continue life in another place in the afterlife. The big question is, where will you spend the afterlife?

#### PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **Death is not the end of existence.** We are eternal creatures. Nonbeliever or believer, it doesn't really matter. Everyone lives on because the soul lives on forever. Some think that death is the end of the story. Scripture clearly teach that is not true.
2. **There is a final judgment.** There is no question about it: a day of judgment is coming. Acts 17:30–31 says, “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because 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).
3. **There are two forms of existence beyond the grave and two destinations.** “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation” (John 5: 28–29 NKJV). According to the Scripture, there is a resurrection of the believer and a resurrection of the nonbeliever.

#### RELEVANT REMINDERS

- When a Christian dies, they go straight to heaven. You have not yet received your glorified body. That happens at the rapture. If you die before the rapture, you don't have your glorified body yet. We all get it at the same time.
- All of this should cause us to long for heaven. All of this should cause us to see that we have been homesick for heaven. God has put a homing instinct inside of us.
- One day Christians will come home. There is going to be reunion with loved ones. There is going to be laughing and rejoicing and feasting and praising and serving the Lord.

#### APPLICABLE ACTIONS

Your presence in heaven is guaranteed by God's promise, but your position in heaven is earned or lost by the quality of service you offer Him. You will receive rewards if you are faithful to God and use the gifts that He has given you. God has given every Christian three things: time, treasure, and talent. We all have it. Some have more than others. Some have less. You will be held accountable for what God has called you to do. You will not be held accountable for what He has called someone else to do. Time, treasure, and talent—use them for His glory!