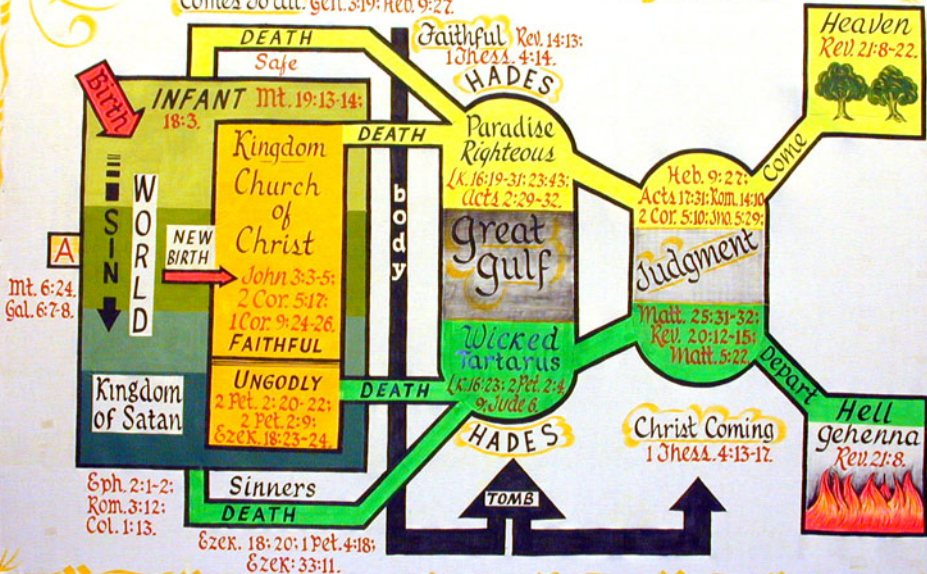


Where Art Thou?

Comes Do All: Gen. 3:19; Heb. 9:27.



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Gen. 3:9

INTRO: This subject will cover everyone in the audience. From the baby to the oldest in this group. Where Art Thou?

I. INFANCY.

Religious people teach that children are born in sin and that unless they are sprinkled they are lost. Everyone came into the world by God's law of procreation into the physical family. The infant is safe. Example: Two skating on pond. Thin ice. One falls in; he must be saved. The other is safe. Matt. 18:1-4, 19:13-14.

II. ONLY TWO MASTERS.

We can only serve one master. When we reach the age of accountability, we serve one of two masters. Matt. 6:24; Gal. 6:7-8. If we serve the devil, we are in the Kingdom of Darkness. Eph. 2:1-2; Rom. 3:12; Col. 1:13. God made a plan to save man from sins. He sent His Son for a sacrifice and then gave a plan of salvation. A sinner must be born again. John 3:3-5; 2 Cor. 5:17. We must grow. 2 Pet. 1:5-9. We must finish the race faithfully. 1 Cor. 9:24-26. Death comes to all. Gen. 3:19; Heb. 9:27.

III. DEATH OF THE FAITHFUL.

Rev. 14:13; 1 Thess. 4:14. We must finish the Christian race.

IV. DEATH OF INFANTS.

Safe.

V. DEATH OF THE UNGODLY.

2 Pet. 2:20-22; 2 Pet. 2:9; Ezek. 18:23-24.

VI. DEATH OF SINNERS.

Ezek. 18:20; Ezek. 33:11. 1 Pet. 4:18.

We go to hell (hades) when we die. Note the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31. This is not a parable. If it were, it is still true. Jesus went into hell (hades) to Paradise. This means a park, a place prepared for the righteous. Luke 23:43; Acts 2:29-32. Hades – Paradise – Peace – Pleasure. The Rich Man was in hades. Luke 16:23. Torment. Two places in hades. Jesus went to hades with the thief. The beggar Lazarus went to Abraham's bosom. Comfort. Jesus went to Paradise that day. He did not go to Heaven. Three days later he told Mary Magdalene, "I am not yet ascended unto my Father." John 20:17. Paradise and heaven are not the same place. Wicked angels went to Tartarus: Note 2 Pet. 2:4-9. This is a place of imprisonment before the judgment. Jude 6. This shows they are waiting judgment. If wicked angels are there, why could not evil spirits of men be there also?

VII. WHEN JESUS COMES.

The dead shall come forth from hades and the body shall be resurrected a spiritual body. Those alive shall be changed and we shall be caught up to meet Him in the clouds. 1 Thess. 4:13-14.

VIII. THE JUDGMENT.

Heb. 9:27; Acts 17:31; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10; John 5:29; Matt. 25:31-32; Rev. 20:12-15; Matt. 5:22.

Gehenna. Wicked to Gehenna. Death and hades gave up their dead. Cast into lake of fire, the Second Death. Rev. 21:8. Righteous to heaven. Where art thou? You are in one of four places: 1. Infancy, 2. Kingdom of Darkness, 3. Church, or 4. Ungodly

CONCL: We must let the Bible teach us about spiritual things so we will know where we are and where we are headed. Where are you? Where are you headed?