

**Today's Message: "After Life: Part One"**

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Jesus reveals about the After Life...

1. We will be aware of where we are the minute after we die.
2. After we die your destination is unchangeable.
3. There are major differences between the two destinations.
4. We have a choice; it is not random or unfair.

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*  
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*He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.* (2 Corinthians 5:5, ESV)

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