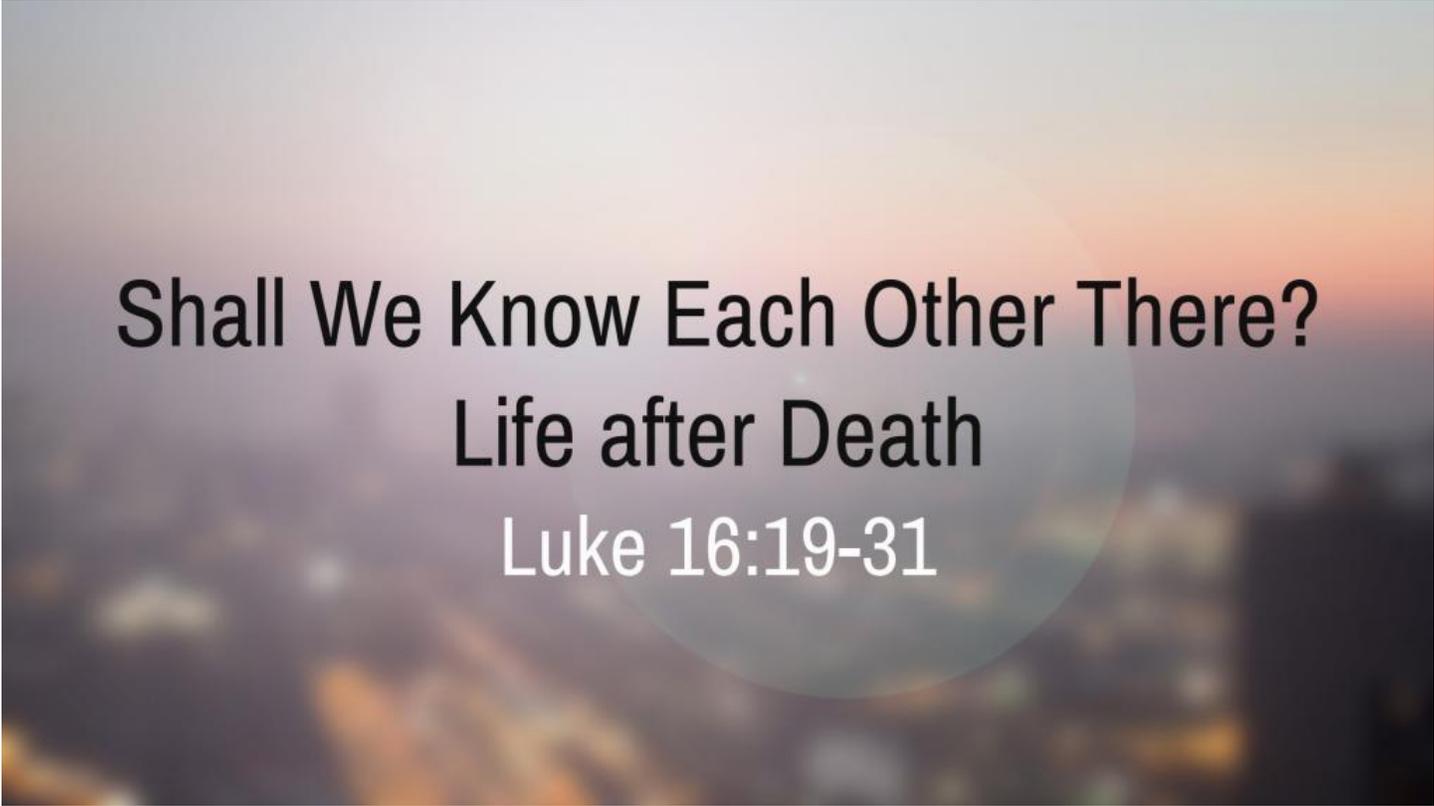


Shall We Know Each Other There?

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I. SCRIPTURES WHICH SUGGEST RECOGNITION AFTER DEATH

A. ISAIAH 14:3-4, Is 14:9-11, Is 14:16...

B. EZEKIEL 32:17-32...

C. LUKE 16:19-31...

D. 1 THESSALONIANS 2:19-20; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:14...

E. MATTHEW 8:11-12...

II. SOME OBJECTIONS CONSIDERED

A. OBJECTION #1...

1. Stated...

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- a. Some of these passages speak of conditions after the resurrection
- b. At that time we will have bodies by which recognition may be possible
- c. But that does not prove that "disembodied" souls in heaven now recognize each other

2. Answered...

- a. Most of these passages are definitely speaking of the " _____ " state
- b. _____ have no "bodies", yet recognize one another - e.g., Dan 10:13

B. OBJECTION #2...

1. Stated...

- a. If we can actually recognize one another, then we can miss those not there
- b. This would cause unhappiness in heaven

2. Answered...

a. What about Jesus?

- 1) Does He not miss many that He sincerely _____ (as in the case of the rich young ruler - Mk 10:21)?
- 2) Would one then say that Jesus is _____?

b. Perhaps the answer to this question lies in the following direction:

- 1) That when we die, all earthly ties that were not in Christ (including family ties) will lose their meaning!
- 2) Do not passages like Mt 12:46-50 and Mt 10:37 point in that direction?

c. Or does not God...

- 1) Who has the power to take away death, sorrow, crying, pain (cf. Re 7:17; Re 21:4)
- 2) Also have the power to remove any unpleasant awareness of loved ones lost while still permitting blessed awareness of loved ones saved?

C. OBJECTION #3...

1. Stated...

- a. According to Mt 22:23-33, all earthly ties will lose their meaning
- b. Hence, any recognition of those whom we have known on earth would be meaningless

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2. Answered...

- a. The passage simply teaches that there will be no " _____ " relationships in the resurrection
- b. In this sense, we will be like the _____ in heaven
- c. This does not say "all" _____ will be abolished!