

# The Appointment

First, the bad news. We all have an appointment with death! Rich or poor, wise or foolish, no one has ever succeeded in breaking this appointment. Modern medicine may extend our lives, but death will surely come. Nothing is as certain for every person born into this world as is our appointment with death.

The Bible reminds us of the certainty of death, and then says, *“but after this the judgment.”* Death is not an end, only another beginning. The word of God also assures us of a resurrection of both *“the just and the unjust”* Acts 24:15. Both shall live forever. The *“just”* in the new heavens and new earth God has promised, and the *“unjust”* in the everlasting lake of fire. The angel Gabriel told the prophet Daniel of the resurrection, saying, *“...many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”*

Daniel 12:2.

The Bible tells us, *“...by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin...”* Romans 5:12. The fact that death entered into the world simultaneous with sin is actually a merciful thing. Consider all the evil men who have risen up to commit unthinkable atrocities. Without death, they would all be alive today. Genghis Khan, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Attila the Hun, Pol Pot, just to name a few.

When we consider all the evils that came into the world with the dominion of sin, death often seems to be a welcome end. Sickness and disease often bring with them unimaginable pain and suffering. Loneliness, despair, betrayal, or heartbreak, sometimes leave a person looking for an end. But death is not an end. After it comes the resurrection and our hour of judgment.

We know that Christ was incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We know that He died on the cross to *“take away our sin”* 1 John 3:5, and God raised Him from the dead. Today Jesus sits with the Father in heaven, awaiting the hour of His return at which time there will be a resurrection of the righteous dead. The Apostle Paul said, *“The dead in Christ will rise first”* 1 Thessalonians 4:16. It may be that the wicked dead will not resurrect for another thousand years, but they will rise again for the great hour of judgment, where the scripture says, *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”* Revelation 20:15, where, as the Bible declares, they

will be *“tormented day and night for ever and ever.”*

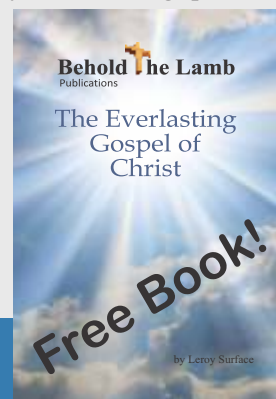
After seeing this great white throne judgment, the Apostle John saw a *“new heaven and a new earth”* Revelation 21:1. He describes all the wonderful things he sees, and says of the redeemed as they arrive there, *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”* Revelation 21:4.

These promises are the inheritance of the overcomer. God said, *“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death”* Revelation 21:7-8.

Notice God begins with *“the fearful and unbelieving.”* That includes multitudes of good people who have not trusted in Jesus Christ to save them from their sin. Next, He speaks of the *“abominable,”* which is a one-word description of perversion which has taken over our nation. (Read Leviticus chapter 18). He then includes *“murderers (abortionist), whoremongers (sex traffickers), sorcerers (drug culture), idolaters (worshippers of false gods), and all liars (which politicians might fit this?).”*

In the midst of this we find the good news. God's word says, *“as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many...”* Jesus died on the cross to *“save us from our sins.”* Matthew 1:21. He died as *“the Lamb of God”* to take away our sin, out of our heart and nature. John said *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* 1 John 1:9.

The apostle Paul said, *“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* Romans 10:13. *“Whosoever”* is all inclusive; no one is left out. Whether you are good and moral, but fearful and unbelieving person, or whether you are a drag queen, everyone who receives Jesus Christ as savior is changed from the inside out. Jesus loved you when He died for you, and He lives to make you free from sin. I have written hundreds of books explaining salvation. Let me send one to you.



To order, visit [cochurch.org](http://cochurch.org) or write to:  
Behold the Lamb PO Box 750 Porter, TX 77365