

**What's On Your Mind?
Questions You Always Wanted to Ask**

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When we die, what happens? Are we going to sleep or are we going straight to heaven??

In the case of a C h r i s t i a n, when we die:

- My soul/spirit goes to be with the L o r d, my body goes into the g r o u n d (Luke 23:39-43; Phil 1:21-24; 2 Cor 5:6-9; Eccl 12:7; Acts 7:59)
- At determined time, my body will be r e s u r r e c t e d and judgment will occur (1 Cor 15:51-55; 1 Thes 4:13-18; 2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 3:10-15)
- I will enter into the e t e r n a l new h e a v e n and new e a r t h (Rev 21-22)

In the case of a n o n-Christian, when they die:

- Their soul/spirit goes to a t e m p o r a r y place (H a d e s), body goes into the g r o u n d (Luke 16:19-31; Heb 9:27)
- At determined time, their bodies will be r e s u r r e c t e d and j u d g m e n t will occur (John 5:28-29; Rev 20:11-13)
- Enter into the e t e r n a l place of s e p a r a t i o n from God (Rev 20:14-15; John 3:36)

Since babies are born into sin, do they go to heaven if they pass away between 1-3 years old before they confess Jesus? also....

If someone dies as a baby or is mentally disabled and are not capable of choosing to believe in God, do they go to heaven?

The Bible does not directly a d d r e s s this issue but based upon God's c h a r a c t e r and some established biblical p r i n c i p l e s, we can perhaps come to a r e a s o n a b l e conclusion.

- We are born s i n n e r s from the w o m b of our mothers (Psalm 51:5; Rom 5:12)
- God is i n v o l v e d with us from our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16; Eph 1:4)
- God can c a l l and s a v e us from our mother's womb (Psalm 22:9-10; Jer 1:4-5; Isa 49:1-7)
- Jesus loves c h i l d r e n - b o r n and u n b o r n (Matt 18:1-6; 19:13-14; Luke 18:15-17)
- There is a reference to such h o p e in the life of D a v i d (2 Sam 12:15-23)
- The c h a r a c t e r and a u t h o r i t y of God reveals He is the perfect F a t h e r (Gen 18:25; Psalm 68:5; 82:3; 103:8; 116:5; James 1:17, 27; Lam 3:22-24)