

WHAT KIND OF PERSON OUGHT YOU TO BE?

2 Peter 3:9-17 1 John 5:13 Ezekiel 3:17-21

Introduction: It is a fact that nobody denies - we are all going to die one day and another fact which some don't believe but it is true is that we shall all stand before God and give an account of our life. During life we seldom think about what lies beyond the grave for nobody wants to think about that so we focus on TODAY and some make plans as if there will be no end to their life. These people are in for a BIG surprise. Since it is a fact that every single human being is going to stand before God one day and give an account of his/her life, let's give some thought to what kind of persons we should be while we are down here living this life.

I. HOW LONG IS LIFE?

1. That's a dumb question some might say for everyone lives different lengths of life. Some die very young, some in middle age, some to their senior years and some past 100.
 - God says life is like a vapor, like the morning dew, like a fog, a mist, a whisp of smoke, like a little flower.
 - How long are you going to live?
2. Not knowing how long you are going to live but that one day you will surely die, then what kind of person ought you be while you live?
 - Should you live as if you are never going to die and just not care about anything?
 - Should you take life seriously and make every moment of life count?
 - A re-assuring fact is that God knows exactly how long each of us is going to live and that He has plans for our life. So, will YOU find out what God has for you now?

II. AFTER LIFE IS OVER, THEN WHAT?

1. Some believe that they will be reincarnated into some living form, even an insect, all depending upon how they lived their present life.
2. Some believe that after death there is nothing...just oblivion.
3. God says, however, that there is eternity with judgment before Jesus Christ and then each person will be sent either to Heaven or Hell.
4. Since God says so, and it is true, what kind of person ought you to be?
 - Should you depend upon your good works to satisfy God?
 - Should you find out for sure what God requires of you?

III. WHERE CAN A PERSON FIND OUT WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF HIM/HER?

1. Can the business world reveal what God expects?
2. Can the school systems teach us what God expects?
3. Can what God expects be found in the home?
4. Can nature reveal what God expects?
5. Can the House of God show what God expects?
6. Knowing this then, what kind of person ought you to be?
 - Wait until you are older? So how long are you going to live?
 - Depend upon what you think you already know?
 - Get involved in learning more about what God expects of you?

IV. JUST WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE FOR ONE TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

1. Does God require good works?
2. Does God require the proper/right blood line, the right heritage?
3. Does God require the right religion?
4. God requires BELIEF IN HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.
5. So, knowing what God requires, what kind of person ought you to be?
 - Shall you continue on living your present way of life?
 - Should you hope that God will "understand" your good qualities?
 - Maybe keep the "golden rule" and hope for the best?
 - Or take seriously God's Son, Jesus, the Christ?

V. SO WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED IN JESUS?

1. God requires the believer to love the Lord God supremely.
2. God requires the believer to worship Him in spirit and in truth.
3. God requires the believer to be obedient to EVERY commandment.
4. God requires the believer to love all his/her other brothers and sisters in Jesus, as Jesus loves.
5. God requires the believer to become as much like Jesus as possible in thought and deed.

6. Knowing what God requires of the believer, what kind of person you, a believer, ought you to be?
 - Should you dabble in the things of the world?
 - Should you take lightly God's commandments?
 - Should you make Jesus less than FIRST in your life? Maybe second or third?
 - Should you ignore God's corrections/chastisements in your life?
 - Should you be slow to study God's Word and pray?
 - Or should you be OBEDIENT IN ALL THINGS God commands?

CONCLUSION:

1. So, to the unbeliever: God has done everything possible to get you into His heaven when you die. If you want it, it is yours, but only by God's way, believing in Jesus is God's way. So what will you do?
2. So, to the believer: God does not play! If you were serious in your profession of faith, He knows. You **MUST** give Jesus first place in your life, no if's, but's or maybe's. If you are not serious then you are still without Jesus, therefore, still an unbeliever and lost.
3. Every single one of us will stand before Jesus Christ one day. **NOW** is the time to get ready.
4. Knowing these facts, what kind of person ought you to be?