

"I did not come with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1-2).

Life Before Death

"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." -Jesus Christ

We received this letter from a reader (in blue), and Victor's comments are within it.

Hello to all!

I just saw a couple of bumper stickers on a wheelchair that I thought were interesting. Three actually (two of them went together).

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ! Allow me to reply in your letter:

"RELIGION is for people afraid to go to hell."

That is very true. False religion is full of people who are full of ungodly fear. However, true religion is only with those who have a godly fear. As it is written: "The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, Who was no mere man, after examining and pursuing all things possible in this world, said this: "This is the sum of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments. All else is vanity."

"SPIRITUALITY is for people who have been there."

This also is true, if we speak of godly spirituality. Jesus said that every man will be salted and baptized with fire. Those who have true spirituality have indeed gone through the fires, through Hell and through death as well. The Scriptures say that God is a consuming fire, and all those that He receives unto Himself come through and by Him. There is no other way. Those who return to the Garden of Eden must die at the hand of the angel, who guards the Garden and the Tree of Life with the flaming sword. So this second saying is very true. I know I have been there.

-AND-

"I believe in LIFE BEFORE DEATH."

That wheelchair has much truth on it. However, I do not believe in life after death. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is HERE, NOW. He is my life, and the life of all men (John 1). Therefore, I have life here, now, before I shed my physical body in that event called death. That can only happen through the Lord Jesus Christ. That is what the resurrection life and glory is all about. Jesus laid His life down, to death, and raised it up in three days to have all power and authority in heaven and earth. Those who follow Him and overcome to the end, receive the same, in this life. Therefore, if one believes in true life, before the grave, or "life before death," Jesus Christ is the only way, as He said.

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