Five Minutes After Death,
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Luke 16:19-31

INTRODUCTION:

No Scripture anywhere gives us a better picture of what lies beyond death—beyond the grave. This is not a parable but a detailed description of what happened to two people five minutes after death. First, let’s begin by taking a quick look at life before death:

I. It is possible to be a Christian and be...
   A. Poor (verse 20)
   B. Sick (verse 20)
   C. Hungry (verse 21)
   D. Suffer many evil things (verse 25)
   E. Without friends (verse 21)

II. What the Rich man learned five minutes after death
   A. Death comes unexpectedly (James 4:14)
   B. Death comes to all (verse 22)
   C. One’s estate is unchangeable after death (verse 26)
   D. Heaven and Hell are real after all (verses 22, 23)
   E. Death does not destroy the soul (verses 23-31)
   F. The only message of warning will be that of the preacher (verses 29-31)

III. What Lazarus learned five minutes after death
   A. Death is only a transition (verse 22)
   B. He traded a company of dogs for a company of angels (verses 21-23)
   C. He could not get inside the rich man’s gate for a moment, he was now inside the gates of pearl forever (verse 20)
   D. He traded a life of sickness, poverty, and loneliness for a life of perfect joy, peace, and happiness. (verse 25)

CONCLUSION:

If we give our life to Christ, death will only be a departure to go to be with HIM, “to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord” (II Corinthians 5:8)

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