

# Five Minutes After Death, By Dr. Calvin Ray Evans

## 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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