

The Three Eternal Destinies #151Dialog

[A catalyst for a freepaper article...]

- *If there are three Eternal Destinies what is the Third? I've always only heard of two...*
- *The Third is the place where the good people of the world go who have never heard the gospel.*
- *You mean the gospel that Christians preach like on TV, or the radio, or in one of those buildings on Sunday morning?*
 - *No. The gospel is...*
 - *I've never heard it that way... What's the difference between the first category and the second category, because the Holy are those who have been so-called born again, right?*
 - *The difference between the first and the second category is that the people that are classified by God as Righteous or Just, or the "good people", are sinners — for all have sinned. But the sins they committed did not put them into the first category with the unjust sinners and the filthy sinners. They remained in the category they were born into, which is the second... Everyone is born into the second category — the Righteous — with a properly functioning conscience, instinctively knowing good from evil. From this category they may transfer into either of the other two categories. If they sin the kind of sins that degrade their nature and destroy people's lives, they reduce themselves to the same category as Satan and his angels (Mt 25:41) — the first category. Of if they hear the gospel of the Kingdom and faith comes to them and they repent, utterly abandoning their old lives, they transfer (Col 1:13) to the third category — the Holy.*

All men were born in the second category, which, as Heb 9:27 says, speaking of Gen 2:9,17, calls for the first death. But if in this lifetime, as Rom 1:24,26,28 says, they fall again and practice the sins of Rev 21:8 they are transferred out of the second category they were born in, which ends in a first death, to the first category in which, after the first death is over, they are judged worthy of the second, eternal death. The third category in Rev 22:11 is as Col 1:13 — they transferred out of both deaths, the first and the second, to everlasting eternal life in the Holy City of the Redeemed. The Righteous (as in Mt 25:46), the good people of the world who have never rejected the gospel or sinned like the first category (Rev 21:8), go to everlasting life in the Eternal Kingdom prepared for them (Mt 25:34), while the Unjust and Filthy go to the place prepared for Satan and his angels (Mt 25:41). Verse 46 distinguishes the first and second category of people who go into either eternal punishment or eternal life.

The Holy – the third category in Rev 22:11 – are the brothers of Messiah (Mt 25:40,45), those who had been redeemed by His blood. They received the gospel when they had the opportunity. They did not have to go to the first death as Heb 9:27 says, since they transferred out of Satan's casket *and* Adam's casket. They will not have to go to death or even see or taste death (Jn 8:51) if they obey the Son (Rev 2:11; 3:5).

The Holy have, as Jn 5:24 says, passed out of eternal death, the second death, and into eternal life already by receiving the gospel. They are baptized into the Body of Messiah where they love one another (1 Jn 3:14,16,17-24). They are co-workers with the Spirit, so the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come" (Rev 22:17; Jn 7:37-39). The Holy are the Bride now and will become Messiah's Bride in the Eternal Day. Christianity is the fallen bride, no longer fit for Him (Rev 19:7-8), since she became a harlot (2 Cor 11:2,4).

Christians today are as the Jews in the first century (Jn 9:41) and will go to the second eternal death (Rev 19:1-3) while the Holy are rejoicing (Rev 18:20; 19:1). That is in *this present age* when the *many* reject Rev 18:4 and suffer verses 8-10, and finally Rev 19:2-3. So the good news we preach is for all people — Jews, Christians, and everyone else — the Unjust and Filthy, and the Righteous also.