

# The Apostles' Creed: Third Article

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*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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## The Resurrection of the Body

This section speaks to the great mystery of life, “What happens in the future?” What happens when a person dies, is there life after death? And what happens at the end of time? Some people think that this life is all there is. When it’s over, there is nothing else. Some people think that you come back to life, are reborn as another person or as an animal. What you come back as depends on what kind of life you lived. Some believe that there is some sort of spirit realm where people’s spirits go when they die. But if they died violently or were in great agony, their spirit will be stuck here to haunt this place until somehow, they are freed. None of these give much hope, so some people say that God is too loving to send anyone to hell, so all people will go to heaven.

But what’s the truth? What does the Bible say? You have heard people say, “There are two kinds of people, them that has and them that hasn’t.” Well, the Bible tells us that at the end, there are two kinds of people—believers and unbelievers. The story of Lazarus and the rich man (**Luke 16:19-31**) illustrates this. There are two eternal destinations, and the line of demarcation is belief in Jesus Christ. When Christ returns, those who believe in Him will be resurrected to eternal life with Him in heaven. Those who don’t believe in Him will be raised to eternal death, that is, shame and torment in hell forever. That’s what everyone looks forward to at the end.