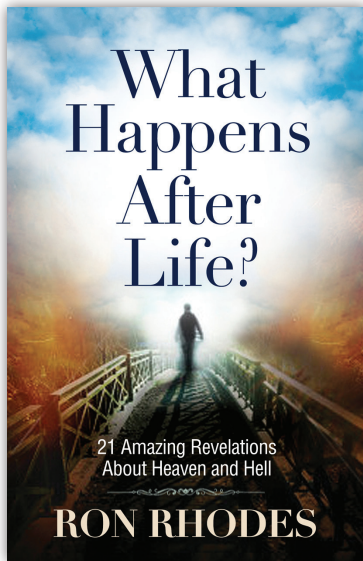


Life After Death: The Great Mystery

Ron Rhodes Unlocks Answers to Common Questions about the Afterlife



People love a good mystery. And perhaps the ultimate mystery is what happens to each of us after life on earth. *Will I carry my memories with me into the afterlife? Will I be able to see God? Will I be an angel? Where is my deceased loved one right now? Can I be sure that I'm going to heaven?*

“Over the years, I’ve been asked a lot of questions about what happens after you die,” says Ron Rhodes, a respected Bible scholar and bestselling author. In his new book, *What Happens After Life?*, Rhodes sheds light on the mystery of life after death. “The more your present life is informed by the glorious truths of heaven, the more you will gain a perspective that will help you navigate the difficult circumstances you might face in life.”

Rhodes, who serves as president of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries and has written more than 70 books, says that nearly everyone has questions about the afterlife because death touches all of humanity. Whether faced with the reality of our own coming death, or wondering what happened to a loved one who has already passed, what happens after our earthly life ends is of interest to all.

“One of the big components of this mystery is that life on earth is short, but the afterlife is very, very long,” says Rhodes. “For some people on earth—those who know and follow Jesus Christ—the best is yet to come. For others, sadly, the worst is yet to come.”

In *What Happens After Life?*, Rhodes shares key truths about the afterlife, organized into 21 short chapters that can be read over a three-week period or stretched into additional days. Written in a devotional style for the average layperson to understand, Rhodes shares what the Bible teaches about a variety of afterlife topics, including our appointed time to die, what will happen when the rapture occurs, why we’ll give an account of our lives at the judgment seat of Christ, where the new earth and the New Jerusalem might be, and what it will be like to reunite with Christian loved ones. He also explains activities we’ll engage in while in heaven (no, we will not fly around on clouds playing harps) and devotes a chapter to explaining what the Bible says about near-death experiences, a popular topic today in both Christian and mainstream circles.

While much of the book is focused on what the afterlife means for Christians, Rhodes also discusses what awaits unbelievers, explaining hell, the lake of the fire, judgment day, and what it means to suffer eternally.

“In view of what happens after life, what happens on earth takes on more urgency,” says Rhodes. “The years we have on this tiny dot of a planet can never be recovered. And the way we use our short years on earth has profound implications for the afterlife. We must therefore use these fast-passing years with purpose and resolve.”

Ron Rhodes, president of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries, is heard regularly on nationwide radio and is the author of more than 70 books, including *The Big Book of Bible Answers*, *Commonly Misunderstood Bible Verses*, and *5-Minute Apologetics for Today*. He holds ThM and ThD degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary, and when time permits he teaches there and at several other seminaries.



Ron Rhodes

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Rhodes has authored more than 70 books, including *The End Times in Chronological Order*, *40 Days through Revelation*, *Unmasking the Antichrist*, *Conversations with Jehovah's Witnesses*, *The Big Book of Bible Answers*, and *What Happens After Life?*, all from Harvest House.

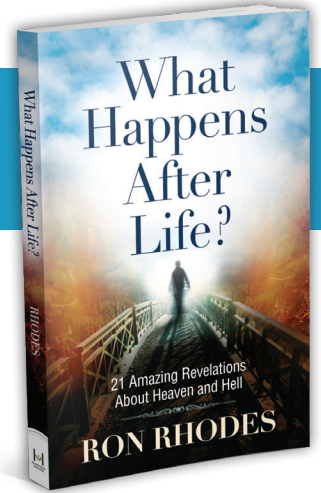
In addition to his writing, he regularly keynotes conferences across the country and, as time permits, teaches apologetics and theology courses at Veritas Evangelical Seminary (Murrieta, CA), Dallas Theological Seminary, Talbot Seminary (La Mirada, CA), as well as other well-known seminaries. A frequent media guest, Rhodes has appeared numerous times in national media including The 700 Club, Point of View, In the Market with Janet Parshall, and Midday Connection, as well as been featured in magazines such as Christianity Today, Decision Today, Charisma magazine, and more.

Rhodes served as associate editor for the Christian Research Journal and editor for the Christian Research Newsletter. He also appeared regularly on the Christian Research Institute's popular national radio broadcast, The Bible Answer Man. He holds a Th.M. and Th.D., both in systematic theology, from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Rhodes and his wife, Kerri, live in Texas and have two grown children.

Interview Questions

- The afterlife is a great mystery, one that many people have been trying to unravel for centuries. What is it that makes it so mysterious?
- You've been talking about the afterlife for many years. What are some of the more common questions you get asked?
- In our culture, there's a strong emphasis on living longer and fighting the aging process. What does the Bible teach about our time of death?
- Many Christians seem to misunderstand when the dead receive their resurrection bodies. When does that actually take place?
- What happens in the "intermediate state" between death and the future rapture?
- What is the difference between the rapture and the second coming?
- Can you explain more about what will take place at the judgment seat of Christ?
- Will we live with any regrets or remorse in heaven for the life we lived on earth?
- Will our current earth be merely renewed or entirely recreated?
- You believe, from Scripture, that the New Jerusalem will be an actual city where we will reside. What does the Bible teach about the New Jerusalem?
- What will it mean for believers in heaven that Satan will be eternally quarantined in the lake of fire for all eternity?
- Will we mourn for those that we know are not in heaven?
- What about heaven for those who don't have the capacity to believe, whether infants or the mentally disabled?
- While we want to believe that all children will go to heaven, what does the Bible teach on this issue?
- What will we spend our time doing in the afterlife? Will it be a never-ending church service or will we be able to do things we enjoyed doing on earth?
- For those of us who are married, will we still be married in heaven, and will our children still be our children in heaven?
- Many people believe that we'll be angels in heaven. Is this true?
- Many bestselling books have been written by people who claim to have traveled to heaven. What do we make of these types of stories and other near death experiences?
- What does the afterlife look like for nonbelievers? Are there any second chances?



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Interview Topics for Ron Rhodes

Here are some suggested interview topics you might consider for an interview with Ron Rhodes:

Life After Death: The Great Mystery

Most people love a good mystery—and figuring out what happens after death may be the ultimate mystery. While it can be confusing, understanding the afterlife is critical to our life on earth. In this interview, Ron Rhodes sheds light on this mystery by sharing key truths from the Bible about what awaits us on the other side. He'll explain what happens when believers are raptured, share what is meant by the intermediate state, offer up thoughts on activities we'll do in heaven, and encourage listeners to live in light of eternity.

The New Jerusalem: A Blueprint of the World's Grandest City

The Bible teaches that God will one day create a new heaven and a new earth, where the New Jerusalem—the heavenly city that we will reside in for eternity—will be located. In this interview, Ron Rhodes takes listeners on a tour of this great city, shares why there will be no more night, explains what it will mean for sin to no longer exist, and discusses why its gates will always be open.

Will Heaven Be Boring? What the Bible Says About this Often-Misunderstood Place

If you think that being in heaven means endlessly floating around on a cloud playing a harp, think again. Heaven, says Ron Rhodes, will be anything but boring. In this interview, Ron will share what the Bible says about life in heaven and answer questions relating to what we'll do there, what we'll eat, if we'll need to sleep, whether or not we'll still be married, and other questions about life in this glorious place.

Near Death Experiences: Fact or Fiction?

A plethora of books have hit bestseller lists in recent years by authors who claim to have been to heaven. What are we to make of such accounts? In this interview, Ron Rhodes explains more about near death experiences, how to evaluate these claims in light of what Scripture teaches, examples of well-known believers who claim to have had these experiences, and why some near death experiences can have a possible connection to occultism.

Hell is Real: The Sobering Reality

It has become increasingly popular in recent years to deny the existence of hell. In fact, a number of leaders in the emerging church movement have questioned or denied hell in their books. But, says Ron Rhodes, hell is a very real place and is the final destination for those who die apart from Christ. In this interview, Ron will share what the Bible teaches about hell (the lake of fire), why there will be no second chances, and how the great white throne judgment awaits unbelievers of all ages.