

Friday 29th January 2021

Dan.12,2: *“Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.”*

Rm.6,23: *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

It must be called to mind that the problem of death is not one of natural limitations applying to the body, but that of God’s judgment applying to the (every) person. *“People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”* (Hebr.9,27)

What will we wake up to out of the sleep of death when God calls the ‘multitudes’ before him for judgment? The answer to this is not in the manner of our death but in the manner of our lives. And here we must realise what the fact of our death means – that our sins count against us! What hope have we?

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible mercy, who sent his Son to bear our sins and redeem us and be to us his gift of eternal life! For this gift is due not to those who work for it but those who receive it through faith in him.

*“Lord, open our hearts to your gift so that we may live in the light of it and not under the fear of death. Amen”*