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**The body of Christ in Africa and the world should
be a body that focuses on enlightenment and
encouragement in the scriptures.**



...they received the word with all readiness of
mind, and searched the scriptures daily,
whether those things were so."

CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH



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The hell of the Old Testament

In Psalm 116 the Psalmist is speaking of death and the grave as natural associates of hell.

"The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me." Psalm 116:3

He could not be meaning that the flames of the conventional hell had begun to scorch him for there is nowhere any mention of fire - just sorrow and pain as when a man is dying.

Sometimes when the word SHEOL occurs in the inspired Hebrew writings the translators have correctly written "*the grave*" as in **Psalm 31**.

"Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave". **Psalm 31:17**

To the translators in 1611 AD, the grave and hell were synonymous terms. It was because, later in time, religious leaders wished to inspire fear in the hearts of men to bring them into obedience to the church for the purpose of extorting money and goods, that they gave the word "**hell**" its traditional fiery connotation.



About us

THE BEREAN

Christadelphian



September Readings

- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- Ezekiel
- Lamentations
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Luke



Bible study groups

Let us study the Bible online, together. We have different Bible study groups, that works best for each of us. If we study the Bible together on WhatsApp, Zoom and in our gatherings, we learn from each other.



Our Fellowships

- Which church is the only true church?



Our Ecclesias in the world

Ahsante kwa Kazi to Ecclesia in Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania, USA, Canada, Mozambique, Australia and Papa New Guinea.

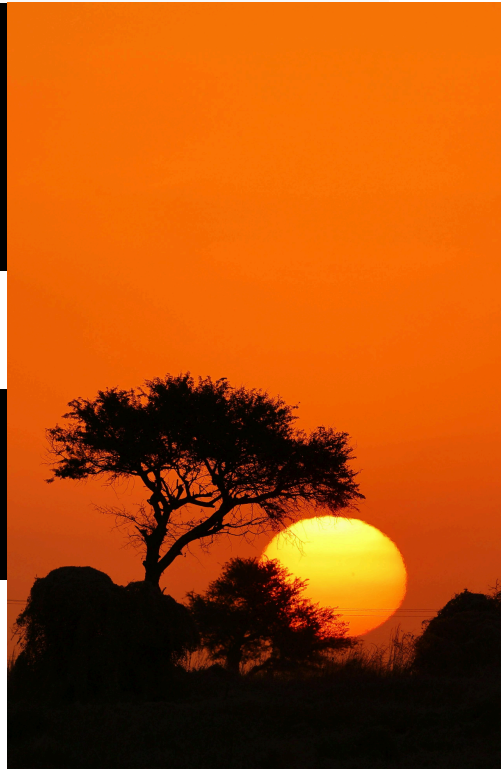
Acts 17:10

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.



WHICH IS THE TRUE CHURCH?

The true church is one that is build upon the foundation of the Apostles, the Prophets and Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone. It subscribes to the Apostolic Creed and no other additional one.



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What's the the meaning and purpose of our life?

No doubt above is one of the most challenging questions and yet one of the most fundamental question the human mind can consider.

People throughout history have pondered the purpose of life.

Philosophers spin theories. People write songs, young people drop out of societies to " find out what's all about ".

Older generation remain within the " establishment", but they still wonder. Obviously life is real. No one can deny that the world exists and the people exist.

Yes we live, eat, sleep, breath and move. However, do we understand why we exist? This is a tough question. To answer it perfectly and correct, we must answer these other three questions perfectly too.

i) *where did you come from?*

ii) *why are you here on earth? And*

iii) *where are you going?*

Is really God silent about where we came from? No, bible is very clear on origin of the human races.

Science has struggled much to explain about the origin of life but it's theory is false and full of lies.

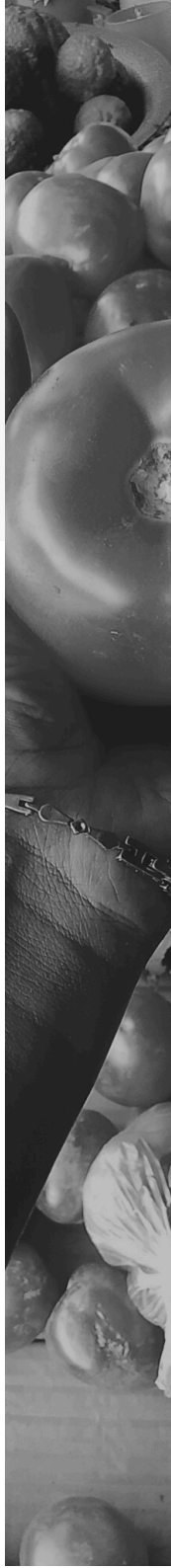
Let's consider the Bible - **Gen 1:11,12, 21-28.**

We read that all life were created by God in six days.

God is an eternal, living, all wise, all powerful creator. **Exd 20:11, Heb 4:4.**

Man is unlike animals because he is created in the image of God.

Man did not evolve from animals, but God created him in his own image.





In **Acts 17:24-28**: we read that all life on the planet earth comes from God and no other book can explain satisfactorily about the existence of man(life).

ii) *Why are we here?*

This is a foundermental question that everyone wants to answer. Without meaningful goals life is senseless and empty. Lark of purpose leads to unhappy and even mental disorder. People need senses of fulfillment and accomplishment in life. Some pursue pleasure :-fun, fun, fun, "wine, women, and songs, (or drugs, alcohol, and free love)" Be a party animal, "eat, drinks and be merry for tomorrow we die.

Ecc 12:1-12, 12:13-14. The author experienced every enjoyment of life that some people pursue above.

Did it satisfy him? What was his conclusion? He said it was ALL VANITY and vexation of spirit. **Ecc 2:11.**

What is real purpose of life? **Ecc 12:14.** Fear God and keep his commands. The great purpose of man is to serve God. **Mt 6:19, 21,24, 33** shows that our main concern in life must be to work in God's kingdom and have a right relationship with Him.

Each of us must make choice, either God will be first or something else will be first. **Mt 22 :36-39.**The most important work God intends us accomplish in life is to love God with all our heart and love our fellow man.

In **Jn14:15,1Jh5:2-3,1Cor 14:3 7**-unless we first understand God's word we can't understand the purpose of life **1Tim 6:6-10,Lk 12:15-21.**

iii)Finally - where are we going?

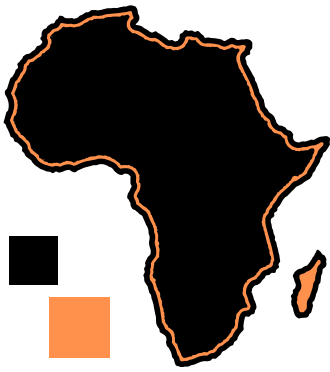
There's no contradiction as to where we go after death.

Hebrew 9:27 "it is appointed to man once to die, then comes the judgement.

Jesus may come before we die, but if we die first, we will be raised from dead when he returns. Either way, we will face God and judged for our lives, good or bad. Someday, God will hold every one of us accountable for whether or not we have accomplished the purpose for which He created us.

Jn5:28, Ecc 12:14, 2Cor5:10, Mtt 25:31-46.

More about where we go, I will refer you to my previous article on" **Hope Beyond the Grave "**



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News & Events

The Berean Christadelphian
December gathering will take place
in Kamukuywa, Bungoma Kenya

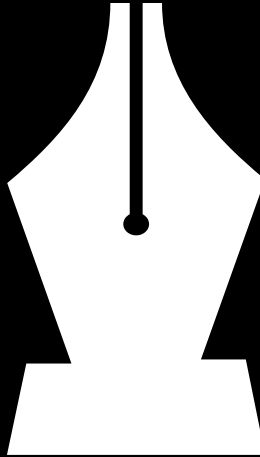
The dates are **December 11-14, 2025.**

Topic: Book of Daniel

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Continue next month should the Lord will.
