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“Introducing The Orthodox Church”

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Chapter Eleven

What We Believe About Eschatology or Life After Death

1. According to the teachings of the Church, palm reading and other practices of the occult are what?

2. Accordingly, an Orthodox Christian should never base their faith on anything but…

3. What does Eschatology mean?

4. What are some of the topics that it includes?

5. In Christ, death does not destroy life, it does what? How can this be so?

6. For a Christian, the end of the world means what?

7. Describe the Preparation stage of grace.

8. Describe the Justification stage of grace.

9. Describe the Sanctification stage of grace.

10. Describe the Glory stage of grace.

11. What is the omega of a Christian’s life?

12. What is the final chapter and how should knowing what it says affect our attitude?

13. What is a vital and existential truth we all have to confront?

14. Did Jesus ever talk about this? If so, what did he say? Do we find hope in it?

15. St. Paul referred to an earthly tent and a heavenly house. What are they?

16. How is the life of a Christian like a round-trip journey?

17. What is the result of sin and punishment for it? Need we fear it?

18. According to the Orthodox Church, what happens to a person immediately after death?

19. How is this experience likened to that of a runner who has won a race?

20. What do we call this first judgment? At death, do both body and soul sleep?

21. Can one repent after they die? Why or why not?

22. Which parable of Jesus informs much of our understanding of what happens after death? When is the time for repentance and salvation?

23. What are the three stages in life?

24. In your opinion, which of the six events to occur before the return of Christ have happened and which have not?

25. Does the political idea that society can progress to realizing the kingdom of God on earth square with the understanding of the Orthodox Church?

26. How is the return of Christ like selling your house?

27. What is the purpose of Judgment?

28. At the Second Coming of Jesus, each of us will have a personal and private what with him? How does that make you feel?

29. At the Judgment, there are two possible results. What are they? Do you think it fair?

30. How many second chances do we get in this life?

31. Why is the resurrection of the body necessary?

32. When raised, our resurrection bodies will be what?

33. How is our perishable body connected to our resurrection body?

34. By taking not only a human soul but human flesh, God came to save what?

35. What is the royal virtue by which we shall be judged?

36. Christ will not condemn those who have sinned, but those who have what?

37. Do Orthodox Christians believe in a literal 1,000 year reign of Christ? Why or why not?

38. What does Fr Anthony mean by the phrase “a gradation of blessedness corresponding to the moral state of each soul”?

39. What will be one of the great characteristics of heaven? Why?

40. What is Theosis?

41. Our experience in the kingdom will be static or dynamic? Why?

42. In what way can we eat of the tree of life today?

43. What two things both begin on earth?

44. Who creates hell?

45. To deny hell is to deny what? Why?

46. What does it mean that the doors of hell are locked from the inside?

47. What are some questions we should be asking ourselves?