

Christian Beliefs about Life after Death: Use these quotes as your EVIDENCE for why Christians believe in Life after Death. (also note eg's of Church teaching)

Reference	Heading	Quote	What it means
John 20:19-20	Jesus' Resurrection		If Jesus really rose from the dead as the gospels and the tradition of the Church teaches, was seen by the apostles and many other people, before ascending into heaven in his physical body, then there must be life after death.
John 14:3	Jesus promises eternal life	In my Father's house are many rooms; I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and make ready a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me, that where I am you also may be.	
Revelation 21:1-4		"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... .. God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. ..He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."	All Christians believe that humans will be able to enjoy an perfect , intimate relationship with God, where there is no more suffering or pain (symbolised by wiping away of tears – a very intimate action). Evangelical Christians believe that the afterlife will literally be like a new world-order and a real city, but without pain or death.
1 Cor 15:42, 44			This means that the body will also rise to a new lif in the final resurrection, although it will different from the body of flesh we have on earth. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:"We believe in the true resurrection of this flesh that we now possess' The Apostles Creed (all Christians) states: "we believe in the resurrection of the body"
Matt 25:31-46	Parable of the Sheep and the Goats: Jesus' teaching on The Final Judgment (=LAD)	³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [To the sheep he says:]. "Come you blessed of my Father, for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, naked and you clothed me, sick and you came to see me, in prison and you visited me, because whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Then he will say to [the goats] 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, naked and you did not clothe me etc. And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."	This gospel means that... PS Some Protestants say only having faith matters. What you do in your life can't influence God's first decision whether to save you, or to damn you. They believe that God has <u>pre-destined some people</u> (the Elect) for salvation, and some for damnation.
Matt 25:13 (choose relevant bit of this quote)	Be prepared		Jesus often warns Christians to be ready for the day of his return and final judgement. The emphasis to be prepared for the hour of your death, and not to fritter your life away on a fast and easy life, so that you die in a state of grace : this should make Christians take their lives seriously.
A. John 11: 25-26 B. Romans 3:23			Since everybody has sinned, no-one can come face to face with a Holy God. Only Jesus can forgive sins to make us right with God. If we accept Jesus' sacrifice for us, by having faith in Him, we can have eternal life with God. The Catholic Church hopes that God will arrange it so that <u>everybody will be saved</u> - people of all faiths because somehow, either in life or in PURGATORY , they will meet this sacrificed Jesus and have the opportunity to accept his invitation. Protestants don't believe in Purgatory.