

What happens to the soul of an aborted fetus?

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The soul within an Aborted fetus “wakes up in hades” (the unseen realm) in neither torment or bliss, fully grown up intellectually, having free will. “He” is in hades not because he sinned but because he never became alive in Christ. As a descendant of Adam he remained “in a state of death”. Only what is alive can be in God’s presence:

Human beings are “born dead spiritually”, they remain dead until belief in Christ, then they become alive:

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Cor. 15:22 NKJ)

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. (Jn. 5:24 NKJ)

Therefore, the aborted fetus cannot enter heaven (or the upper level of sheol, paradise, third heaven) because it is dead. What is dead descends into a part of Hades that is “NEUTRAL”, to be judged. It is appointed all in Adam (still dead, not saved) die and then they are judged:

Inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this, judgment, (Heb. 9:27 RPTE)

The Gospel is preached to the dead so they can believe the gospel and choose to live according to God:

For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. (1 Pet. 4:6 NKJ)

Those who choose to live according to God are then “enveloped by the Holy Spirit” and live in a “state of sleeplike bliss” “eagerly waiting” for Christ’s second appearing when the “first resurrection” “rapture” “gathering” “rising with the church” AT Christ’s Second Coming salvation from Hades:

so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, without sin, to those who are eagerly waiting for him for salvation. (Heb. 9:28 RPTE)

During their “Judgment” it was determined “those who believe the Gospel of Christ preached to them” are among “the many” Christ was offered to bear the sins for. But they cannot cross over from Hades (Lk. 16 :26) to paradise where the redeemed are with Abraham. They have to wait in the “neutral part” of Hades until Christ’s second coming, THEN the dead in

Christ rise to meet Him in the air:

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thess. 4:16-17 NKJ)

What about those in the upper level of Sheol/Hades/Unseen Realm, in "third heaven/paradise/Abraham's bosom" with Abraham and Lazarus? What of their souls? When Christ begins His second coming, He brings them with Him as He descends:

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.**

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thess. 4:13-5:1 NKJ)

During Christ's parousia ("coming") those He brought with Him and the dead in Him in Hades, rise in supernatural bodies like Christ's. They are changed in a "twinkling of an eye", reunited with their glorious resurrection body that is infused with life, immortality, power like the resurrection body of Christ:

45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." **The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.**

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and **as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.**

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, **we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

52 **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting? **O Hades, where is your victory?**" (1 Cor. 15:45-55 NKJ)

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Hebrews 9:27