

# 10/30 | DUMB THINGS SMART CHRISTIANS BELIEVE: d?

*"When you die God gains another angel."*

*Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom;  
and the rich man also died and was buried.*

—Luke 16:22, NASB

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What movies, stories, shows, or books have you read that mention that dead humans become angels?
2. Do you know any verses in the Bible that support this idea?
3. In Matthew 22:30, Jesus says we will be *"like angels in heaven."* That word for *like* is *"hos"*, which means *"as, like, about, in that manner, according as"* and other comparison uses. This same word is used in these verses:
  - *"The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil"* (Mark 4:26).
  - *"If you had faith like a mustard seed"* (Luke 17:6).How literally was Jesus speaking in these verses?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:3, and then consider the quote on the right. What is your response?

*"It would not make sense to say that we (people) will be judging the angels if the angels were really people who became angels."*

—Matt Slick

If that were true, it would seem believers die, are judged, become angels, and are judged again? That's a frightening thought! Let's see what the Bible says:

Once saved, can we lose salvation? Consider:

- John 10:27-29, 11:25

- Romans 8:1, 35-39

What does happen when believers get to heaven?

- Matthew 25:31-34
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
- Revelation 20:5, 12

5. How can you respond if someone tells you that people turn into angels in heaven?
6. List observations about Galatians 1:8.
7. Job 38:4-7 implies angels were created before the foundation of the earth was laid, before humans ever existed.
8. 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 also say angels will be judged, but 2 Corinthians 5:10 describes a different judgment for humans. Again, why would there be two judgments for the same beings?
9. In Luke 16 the rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus to his families house to warn them about “this place of torment.” What are your thoughts about the illustration of a deceased family member warning you about the seriousness to follow Jesus with your life?

### **TAKE AWAY:**

What is your NEXT STEP and what can you do to grow in that area this week?