

## **Vision for our Vineyard : To Experience God and to Help People**

From Matthew 22 - **ALIVE!**

*We Live On!*

- God said, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. So he is the God of the living, not the dead."
- Abraham, Isaac and Jacob live on along with Moses and Elijah, and all those who have loved God and wait for the day when Jesus comes back to raise those who sleep. Those whose earthly bodies have died but their spirits have been taken to be with the Father. • When Jesus died he said, "Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit." Luke 23:46 • When Stephen died he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Acts 7:59
- **Commonly that time when the spirit has left the body to be with the Lord is called SLEEP.** In a deep sleep the body is immobile, but the spirit dreams. In the morning the body wakes up. The death of the body is spoken of by Jesus and writers of Scripture as a bodiless sleep from which we rise with new bodies. Centuries and thousands of years pass for some from falling asleep and being awakened in a resurrection body.
- "Lo I tell you a mystery. We shall **not all sleep**, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable and we shall all be changed."

I Corinthians 15:51-52

***New bodies to clothe the spirit.***

- "For we know that when this tent we live in now is taken down—when we die and leave these bodies--- we will have wonderful new bodies in heaven, homes that will be ours forever more, made for us by God Himself, and not by human hands." 2 Corinthians 5:1

**Jesus will keep our life safe.** We can be sure that we will never be separated for a moment from the Lord.

He will keep us safe for heaven in this life, safe as we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, and safe for eternity.

- "But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have **fallen asleep.**" I Corinthians 15:20

**"And be sure of this, I am with you** even to the end of the age."

Matt. 28:20