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The living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything.
(Ecclesiastes 9:5)

When people die they do not know anything, because it is as though they are asleep. They are not alive nor conscious to suffer in a place of torment. It is comforting to have this knowledge. Ecclesiastes 9:10

Color the picture



Use the words listed below to complete each statement.

thoughts • sleep • knowledge • dead • resurrection • praise • grave

Ecclesiastes 9:5 says that the _____ “know not any thing.”

Ecclesiastes 9:10 says there is no _____ or wisdom in the grave.

Psalms 146:4 says that when a person dies, his _____ perish.

Psalms 115:17 says, “The dead _____ not the LORD.”

Jesus compared the death of Lazarus to _____ in John 11:11–14.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 describes the _____ as a place without work, knowledge, or wisdom.

The Bible's great hope for those who have died is the _____.

Why does the Bible Call Death Sleep?

Read John 11:11–14.

v11 This He said, and after that He *said* to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep."

v12 The disciples then said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."

v13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep.

v14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

1. Initially, what word did Jesus use to describe Lazarus' condition?
2. What did Jesus mean by “sleep”?
3. Can a sleeping person normally tell you what is happening around them? YES / NO
4. How does this help illustrate Ecclesiastes 9:5, “the dead know not any thing”?

In each column below, list what you might tell a friend if you were to explain what death is and what the resurrection is. Use 'living' as a beginning, because everyone knows what it is to be alive.

Living	In Death	The Resurrection