

Heaven



The Eternal State

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Tonight We Finish the Greatest Book in the World (The Bible), with the Greatest Conclusion to Any Story Ever Told

Tonight we:

**“Walk by Faith,
not by Sight”**

(focus on the unseen eternal facts of the Bible, not our feelings)

- **HEAVEN IS OUR HOME**
- **WE ARE ONLY
PILGRIMS HERE**
- **THIS IS THE COUNTRY
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Answers to Common Questions

1. Q. **Where do I go when I die?**

A. Heaven – a believer's soul goes to be with Jesus in Heaven and your body turns to dust. You will be given a new heavenly body and be fully alive. People who rejected Jesus will perish and not go to heaven.

(Matt. 22:32; Luke 16: 19-31; John 14:3; Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:6-8; Phil. 1:23; Rev. 14:13; Heb. 12:1)

2. Q. **What Happens to me if I am alive in the End Times?**

A. Rapture - You will be taken up to heaven prior to the full Wrath of God before the great and awesome Day of the Lord. (1 Thess. 4:16, 5:9)

3. Q. **What happens when Jesus Returns to the Earth?**

A. You Return Too - The believers who died in the past return to earth with the believers who were taken up just prior to His return. (Rev 20:4-6)

4. Q. **Will I see my loved ones who trusted in Jesus in Heaven?**

A. Yes – 2 Samuel 12:23 (David speaks of seeing his dead son); Mark 9:1-8 (Moses, Elijah are recognized by Apostles); 1 Samuel 28:7-20 (Saul sees Samuel); Mary recognized Jesus after resurrection; Gen. 37:35 (Jacob and his son in the grave)

What is Heaven?

- Heaven is a place above where God dwells and everyone who has died trusting in the one true God, Jesus Christ: “**Our Father who art in Heaven**”. Heaven is sometimes referred to as a Country, a City, a Kingdom, a Paradise and a House.
- There are 3 heavens:
 - 1. First Heaven** - Atmosphere – the space above earth – **Is. 55:9-10**
“⁹ For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.
¹⁰ “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
 - 2. Second Heaven** – Stars, Moon and Planets – **Gen 1:1, 14** “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night;”
 - 3. Third Heaven** – Where God, the Angels and the Saints dwell. Many prophets saw visions of the 3rd heaven: Paul in 2 Corinth. 12:1-4; Daniel 7:9-14; Ezek. 1:26-29; John in Revelation, etc.

What is Heaven?

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John 3:13 - ¹³ **No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.**

Luke 10:20 - ²⁰ ... **rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**”

Philippians 3:20 - ²⁰ **For our citizenship is in heaven,**

Matthew 6:19-21 - ¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ **but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

Why do we Need Heaven?

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- **Has anyone ever defeated death?**
- **If yes, did they make a way for us to defeat death too?**

Jesus is the only person who has both defeated death and provided a way for everyone who puts their trust in Him to overcome it as well.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

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?" ... ⁵⁷ **But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

What is Our Greatest Need - LIFE

- **Man has one problem...DEATH – how can one become immortal and live forever?**
 - But the Bible says that the real root problem is sin, since **death is the result of sin.**
 - Therefore if people can resolve the sin problem, they also resolve the death problem.
 - Therefore **the only thing humanity really needs is LIFE!!!** Eternal Life.
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John 10:10 ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.**

John 17:3 ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 3:16 ¹⁶ **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

What is Our Greatest Need - LIFE

John 5:21-29 ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so **the Son gives life to whom He will...**²⁴ “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.** ²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when **the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.** ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the **hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice** ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

What is Heaven?

Colossians 3:1-7

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

² **Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.**

³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

What is Heaven?

2 Corinthians 5

¹ For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ...

⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has **given us the Spirit as a guarantee**.... (a down-payment)

⁷ **For we walk by faith, not by sight.**

⁸ **We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**

John 14:1-6

The Great Christian Hope

- When the disciples are most distressed after Jesus just told them He would be leaving them to die, would be brayed by one of them and then washes their feet, Jesus comforts them with the greatest hope that He promises...
- **Our Heavenly Inheritance** – The promise of Salvation, ETERNAL LIFE, is mainly laid up in heaven for us, since this life is so short.
- Simply stated, we are Christians because we desire heaven; we want to escape hell. (It's not about having a rich, trial free life now.)
- We are joint heirs with Christ. We inherit heaven.
- We can't comprehend how wonderful it will be, but we know Heaven is a place where not only worship, praise and activities will be going on, but we will be in **full and complete relationship with God**.
- This is a dying body. From the day that you were born, you began to die. It's only a question of when you do. **We need LIFE! This is what we need.**

John 14:1-4 (Your Home, Your Country, The Goal of Life)

HEAVEN

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”

² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

Don't Worry

Trust Jesus as God

Heaven Exists

Heaven is for You

Second Coming

You will be with ME in Heaven

You know the Way to Heaven Now....Jesus!

John 14:1-6

HEAVEN – How Do We Get There?

- ⁵ Thomas said to Him,
- “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”
- Thomas asks the Biggest Question of Humanity:
How do I become “Right” with God and get to Heaven.

John 14:6

Only One Way to Heaven

• John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “**I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**”

- “**I AM**” is the name of God in Hebrew, *Yahweh*, which means “the self-existing one.
- **WAY (to Heaven!)**
- Since this is the answer to Thomas’ question of v.5, “WAY” is the principal theme. **The Way to heaven**. The earliest title for the church was “the Way” or the lifestyle – **Acts 9:2; 19:9; 24:14, 22**
- Jesus is the **WAY** to God only because He is the **TRUTH** of God (John 1:1,18; 5:19; 8:29) and the **LIFE** (John 1:4; 5:26-29; 11:25).
- This is why we have the **GREAT COMMISSION** – Christianity was initially defined as “**The Way**” (exclusivity) – the only way to God and to Heaven. This is the foundational truth of the Bible. No good works or other religion can save you!

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- **TRUTH**

- In Greek & English it means Reality vs. Unreality, or Truth versus Falsehood
- John 17:17 “**Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**” (Bible is Truth)
- Old Testament truth referred to Faithfulness or commitment to God’s Word - Psalm 86:11, 26:3, 119:30

- **LIFE**

- Eternal Life – John 14:19 - “**because I live, you also will live.**”
- Lifestyle of Righteousness, Psalm 16:11; Proverbs 6:23; 10:17

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- **Exclusivism** – it is totally inadequate to claim one knows God, while disowning Jesus Christ. Either Jesus is God incarnate or He is a liar or lunatic.
- **Test** of whether someone really knows God (and is a Christian), lay in their response to Jesus and the Bible (do they agree 100% that Jesus is God & the Bible is the Word of God?)
- **Evangelism** – the key assumption behind the message of salvation is that there no other way. “No one comes to the Father except through Me.” – If you don’t fully believe this, then you don’t believe the Bible and Jesus are the Truth.
- **Universalism (there is more than 1 Way to God)** is a lie and totally contrary to Jesus’ teaching. **Do not misunderstand or doubt this truth!** If you believe that there other ways to God, you will not be used by God very much. **Acts 4:12. If you put your trust in another way to God, you will not go to heaven according to Jesus.**

What will Happen to Earth?

2 Peter 3:7, 12-13

⁷ But **the heavens and the earth** *which* are now preserved by the same word, **are reserved for fire until the day of judgment** and perdition of ungodly men.

¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the **heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?**

¹³ **Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

Note: This will occur 1,000 years after the return of Christ and the Millennial reign of Christ on earth discussed in the prior class titled the "Kingdom of God".

The Throne Room of Heaven



Revelation 4 - God is in Heaven

Revelation 4:1-11

4 After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in **heaven**. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which **must take place after this.**”

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne. **3** And **He who sat there was like a jasper** and a sardius stone in appearance; and **there was a rainbow around the throne**, in appearance like an emerald. **4** Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw **twenty-four elders** sitting, **clothed in white robes**; and they had **crowns of gold on their heads**. **5** And from the throne proceeded **lightnings, thunderings, and voices**. Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God**.

God Dwells in Heaven

Probably Redeemed Saints - “clothed in white” (Rev. 6:11) and “Crowns” speak to believers

7 Aspects of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 11: 2 “The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Revelation 4 - God is in Heaven

⁶ Before the throne *there was* a **sea of glass, like crystal**. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* **four living creatures** full of eyes in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature *was* like a **lion**, the second living creature like a **calf**, the third living creature had a **face like a man**, and the fourth living creature *was* like a flying **eagle**. ⁸ *The* four living creatures, **each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within**. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

¹¹ “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power;

For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Cherubim –
Angels – animals
named are
symbols to
describe them.

Isaiah says they
cover their eyes
with their wings



Revelation 5 – Jesus in Heaven

⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain,...

Jesus is the Lamb being worshipped

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

All glory and honour goes to God

Isaiah 6

- **6** In the year that King Uzziah died, **I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up**, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. **2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face**, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one cried to another and said:
 - **“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”** ...
 - **5** So I said: **“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips**, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; **For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”**
 - **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said:
 - **“Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.”**
 - **8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: **“Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?”**
 - **Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” 9 And He said, “Go, and tell this people...”**

Revelation 11

- ¹⁶ And the **twenty-four elders** who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and **worshiped** God, ¹⁷ saying:
- **“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come,** Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that **You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,** And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”
- ¹⁹ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the **ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.**

The City of God – New Jerusalem

Reading of Revelation 21 & 22

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wP-SXkwEpkg>

See reading under Learning Resources on
www.crossroadoftruth.org “The Country I love Best”



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Final Words of the Bible

Revelation 22: 18-21

A Warning

¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “**Surely I am coming quickly.**”

Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

Luke 21:28 (KJV)

28 **And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**

Ends Times Video Summaries

1. **Signs of the End Times Summary** – 16 Minutes
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xV5CvFVMXuw>
2. **The Great Tribulation Series** – 1 hour & 45 min.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRy8822mM7Y&feature=youtu.be>

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Galatians 6:6

⁶ Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

1 Timothy 5:17-18

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, **especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.** ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “**The laborer is worthy of his wages.**”