

ETERNAL REALITIES—PART 2
“A PICTURE OF HEAVEN!”
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I Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)—“... ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.’”

John 14:1-6—“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’

Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

Revelation 21:1-5—“Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’...”

Misconceptions About Heaven:

1) Heaven Will Be Boring

Romans 11:33—“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!”

John 10:10—“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...”

The Big Idea:

Heaven Is The Absence Of Everything Evil & The Presence Of Everything Good...It’s Being In The Very Presence Of God

What Will Heaven Be Like?

– We’ll Know Each Another

Matthew 17:3-4—“Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. Peter exclaimed, “Lord, it’s wonderful for us to be here!...”

II Samuel 12:23—“...Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

– It’ll be a Place Of Unbelievable Beauty

I Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)—“... ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.’”

– We’ll See Jesus Face To Face

I Corinthians 13:12—“For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face...”

Revelation 22:4—“They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.”

2) This World Is Our Home

Philippians 3:19-20—“Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

II Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)—“So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.”

3) Most People Are Going To Heaven Anyway

Matthew 7:13-14—“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)—“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood...”

How Will You Respond?