

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."
John 14: 1-3

"Death is only a comma to a Christian - - not a period. " Dr. Adrian Rogers

QUESTION #1 WHAT IS HEAVEN?

Heaven is usually thought of as the place where God dwells, and almost all people hope to go when they die. However, we discover in the Bible is more complex than this. The Bible uses the word "heaven" in different ways, and it speaks of a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1), a new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2).

The Bible uses the word "heaven" in three primary ways:

1. Firmament: the earth's atmosphere where the clouds are and the birds fly (Gen. 1:8)
2. S_____ heavens: moon, sun, and stars (Psalm 19:1)
3. Unique p_____ where God dwells (Heb 4:14)...Paul refers to this as the "third heaven" or "paradise" (2 Corinthians 12: 2-4)

QUESTION #2 IS THE "THIRD HEAVEN" A REAL PLACE?

The answer is _____! It is an actual location where God dwells and is preparing for His people. A beautiful snapshot of it is found in revelation 4-5 where we see it as a place of beauty, splendor, and worship.

QUESTION #3 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON DIES?

This is a good question and requires care in answering. Some things we know for sure, but others we can only offer our best speculation.

What We Know for Sure:

- At death, a saved, follower of Jesus goes i_____ to be with God.
2 Corinthians 5: 8: "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."
- There is temporary separation of the soul or spirit from the body.

QUESTION #4 WHAT ARE THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH LIKE?

References to “new heaven and new earth” are found in Isaiah 65: 17-25; 66: 22-23; 2 Peter 3:13, and Revelation 21: 1-4. A summary of what we find, particularly from Revelation 21-22, looks like this:

1. God makes all things _____ . Rev. 21: 1-2, 5
2. Chaos and disorder are _____ more. 21:1
3. God will live with His people _____. 21:3; 22:4
4. The effects of sin are _____ and done away with. 21:4, 8, 27; 22:3
5. All the legitimate desires of our hearts will be _____. 21:6
6. Our inheritance of heavenly _____ will be plentiful and permanent. 21:7
7. The _____ of the New Jerusalem will be magnificent. 21:9-21
8. The glory of God will _____ dwelling place. 21: 22-23
9. _____ will be guided by God. 21: 24, 26
10. Protection and peace are perfectly _____. 21: 25; 22: 4-5
11. _____ will be incredible. 22: 1-2
12. Perpetual, perfect service will be our _____. 22:3

QUESTION #5 WHY DOES THE BIBLE SOMETIMES REFER TO DEATH AS “SLEEP”?

Actually, the Bible refers only the death of a c _____ of God as sleep (Acts 7:60; 13:36; 1 Cor. 11:30; 15:6) Why? For two reasons. First, for a Christian, to die is to go to sleep and then wake up in the presence of Jesus. It is a calm and peaceful experience. Second, the image of sleep is being applied to the body, which in its dead state has the appearance of sleeping.

QUESTION #6 IS IT WRONG TO THINK OF HEAVEN AND HELL AS AN EXPERIENCE OR STATE OF MIND?

_____. Heaven and hell are real, actual place occupied by real people. It is a location in the spiritual realm. Jesus ascended out of sight into heaven (Acts 1 :9-11). Stephen, when he was stoned to death, looked into heaven and saw Jesus standing there waiting for him. (Acts 7: 55-56)

QUESTION #7 WHAT MAKES HEAVEN SO WONDERFUL?

The simple answer is _____! Jesus makes heaven wonderful. But, heaven is also wonderful because Shalom is restored between God and humanity. Here we will enjoy eternal and unbroken fellowship with our God and King. We will know, love, and worship our Lord as God always intended. Further, heaven is wonderful because Jesus our Savior is there! In heaven, we will be restored in our relationship with God, others, and ourselves.

QUESTION #8 HOW DOES ONE GET TO HEAVEN?

By r _____ of sin and placing one’s faith and trust completely and only in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (John 14: 6)

