Heaven and Hell Bible Study Christ the King Lutheran Church Commerce, GA

Session 6: Some Further Questions

In this final session of this class over heaven and hell, we examine some more questions relating to eternity that we have not directly answered in the class. These are questions that people commonly ask. I have also given an opportunity to submit questions that you may have.

Notes About Answering These Questions

In answering these questions, we must understand that some of them cannot be answered definitively. We can answer them to varying degrees of certaintaintly. Without a specific Bible verse or passage addressing a certain question we can apply overall and related truth to help us possibly come up with an answer.

Also, as we have throughout the class, note that there is the heaven now (for the soul) and the heaven to come (New Jerusalem) which has the body and soul reunited. This factors into some of how these questions can be answered with a now and later aspect.

In terms of answering what conditions are like in heaven (specifically the New Jerusalem) it is helpful to remember that this is effectively a re-creation of the perfect environment of the Garden of Eden. Although the Garden of Eden was not exactly the same as the New Jerusalem will be (it will be even better), this can help us in attempting to answer many questions.

Also note that I include some of my opinions in answering this type of question. We need to also understand that some of the questions are more important doctrinally than others. In terms of doctrines they can be divided into things that are essential (meaning to believe something else is heresy-outside of orthodoxy), primary, secondary, and tertiary.

There are no notes provided for these questions. Use the space below to make any notes you wish as we discuss each question.

1. Where exactly are heaven and hell?

2. Are there animals in heaven? Will our beloved pets be there with us?

3. What is the nature of eating and drinking in heaven?

4. In terms of what will we be doing in heaven, what type of activities might be available? Will I get to play golf? Read? Go fishing? Etc...

5. Will we be perfect in heaven? Will I have some types of super abilities?

6. What age will my glorified body be?

7. Do we have to work in heaven?

- 8. How can we be happy in heaven knowing that our unsaved loved ones are in hell?
- 9. Does someone automatically go to hell if they commit suicide?

10. Since marriage is "till death do us part" (and Jesus addresses this during His ministry), what will our relationships be like in heaven?

11. What are we to make of the books, etc. that speak about people "taking a trip" to heaven and coming back to report on what they saw and experienced?