

## Who Goes To Heaven?

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<sup>KJV</sup> **John 14:1** Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions [rooms; dwelling places]: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

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<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

## Outline

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## What is Heaven?

- **Heaven is the dwelling place of God.**
  - **Mark 16:19** So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.
  - **Acts 7:55** But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

## Do We Go to Heaven When We Die?

- **Paul says about Christians:**
  - **2 Corinthians 5:8** Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
  - **Philippians 1:23** I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;
- When we die, our spirit leaves our body and goes to be with God in heaven.

### Do We Go to Heaven When We Die?

- In heaven, we worship God and enjoy His presence while we await the time of our bodily resurrection.
- Although the spirits of believers go to be with Christ immediately after death, the physical body remains in the grave "sleeping."

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- Before the Millennial Kingdom of Christ is established after the great tribulation period, our physical bodies will be resurrected, glorified, perfected and then reunited with our spirit. We will live in our new spiritual bodies for eternity.

### Will We Live in Heaven Forever?

- **Heaven is not our final destination.**
- At the end of this present world, God will create new heavens (i.e. stars, galaxies) and a new earth—an entirely renewed universe.
  - **Revelation 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

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- <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

### Will We Live in Heaven Forever?

- <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."
- <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

### Describe the New Jerusalem

- **It comes out of heaven from God to the new earth.**
  - <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
  - <sup>10</sup> "showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

### Describe the New Jerusalem

- **It is a square** – 1,380 miles on each side.
  - <sup>15</sup> And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup> The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal.
  - A stadion is usually stated as 607 feet, so the base has dimensions of 1380 miles wide by 1380 miles long by 1380 miles high.

### Describe the New Jerusalem

- **It has high walls and 3 gates on each side for a total of 12 gates.**
  - <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed–
  - <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

### Describe the New Jerusalem

- **Each gate is made of a single pearl.**
  - <sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl,
- **The street of the city is pure gold.**
  - and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

### Describe the New Jerusalem

- **The city walls have 12 foundations.**
  - <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- The **cube shape** of the New Jerusalem reminds us of the cube shape of the Most Holy Place in the Temple (1 Kings 6:20).

### Describe the New Jerusalem

- **The Father and Jesus, the Lamb, dwell in the city and provide its light.**
  - <sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.
- **The gates of the city will never be shut.** <sup>25</sup> “and its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there.”

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### Certain Types of People Will Not Be in Heaven

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- <sup>8</sup> **cowards** – repudiate their faith in Christ when faced with persecution and opposition.
- <sup>8</sup> **unbelievers** – people who fail to put their faith in Jesus Christ and follow Him.
- <sup>8</sup> **detestable persons** – polluted by the world. They pursue a lifestyle contrary to biblical teaching.

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### Who Will Be In Heaven?

- <sup>21:6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.
- <sup>7</sup> Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

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- <sup>21:27</sup> Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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