

The Doctrine of Eternity: Heaven

Various Scriptures

“Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice and come out- those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation.” -John 5:28-29

As you reflect on your witness and conversations about eternity, what are some common misconceptions that you have heard about heaven?

*The kind of _____ we will have.

*Heaven will be _____.

*We will lose our _____.

What is eternity again?

Infinite or unending place; a state to which _____ has no application; timelessness; endless life after death.

What is Heaven?

Part of God’s creation above the earth and waters including air, space, and serving as a home for God and His heavenly creatures.

#1 The first heaven is the atmosphere, where clouds gather and _____ fly.

#2 The second heaven is the firmament, where the sun, moon, stars and other _____ are fixed.

#3 The third heaven is the invisible realm where God and His angels reside. This is also the home of God’s _____.

Hebrew Word: *samayim*: air, astrologer, the sky, horizons, visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher either where the celestial bodies revolve.

Genesis 1:8;14-17; 1 Kings 8:30

Greek Word: *ouranos*: the visible heavens, the atmosphere, the sky the starry heavens, the spiritual heavens. Matthew 6:26; Acts 7:42; 2 Corinthians 12:2

Other words to describe Heaven:

(Natural perspective)

*The Firmament: Genesis 1:6

*The Starry Heavens: Deut. 10:14

*The whirlwind: Psalm 77:18

(Spiritual perspective)

*Paradise: Luke 23:43

*Heavenly Jerusalem: Hebrews 12:22

*The Kingdom of Heaven: Matthew 25:1

*The Eternal Kingdom: 2 Peter 1:11

*The Eternal Inheritance: 1 Peter 1:4

*Better Country: Hebrews 11:14

*Abraham's bosom: Luke 16:22

*Life everlasting: Eternal weight of glory: 2 Corinthians 4:17

*Fullness of Joy: Luke 20:36

*Mount Zion: Hebrews 12:22

*Place prepared: John 14:2

In reflecting on the various names of Heaven, how could you use this to help encourage someone?

Where is Heaven?

The Bible teaches us that Heaven is _____ and in the _____ of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 12:2; Revelation 21:1; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8)

Why was Heaven created?

Heaven was created to show the sovereignty of the creator God and the divine desire to communicate with humanity. It also stands as a symbol of _____ and unchanging, enduring existence. (Psalm 115:3; Acts 4:24)

As God's dwelling place, heaven is not a divine haven where God isolates himself from humanity, but rather a divine work-_____, where He hears our prayers and sends blessings to His people. (Isaiah 63:15; Matthew 6:9)

Finally, the heavens and heaven were created to praise God and display His _____, creativity, and righteousness. (Psalm 19:1; 69:34; Isaiah 6:1-3)

Who will go to Heaven?

Only those who are _____, who have accepted Him as their Lord and savior, whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (John 14:6; Romans 8:9-11; Revelation 21:27)

What will we be doing in Heaven?

*We will _____ and praise the Lord continuously. Revelation 19:6

*We will be _____ God and see Him without any restrictions. Revelation 21:3

*We will _____ God. Revelation 22:3; Matthew 25:14-30

*We will _____ angels. (1 Corinthians 6:2-3 rule/govern)

Will we have new bodies in Heaven?

_____ ; God will change our earthly bodies into glorified bodies. (1 Corinthians 15:51-54; Philippians 3:21)

Like Jesus, we too will be able to touch, smell, talk, eat and teleport through walls. (John 20:19)

The deaf will be able to hear and speak....

The blind will be able to see...

The crippled will be able to walk and run....

In Christ our bodies will be new forever!

Will we know each other in Heaven?

_____ ; Although there are many things we do not know, (1 Corinthians 2:9; 13:12) we do have examples of people who were able to recognize others. (Matthew 17:4; Luke 16:24)

What will you find in Heaven?

*Heavenly Father: Matthew 6:9

*Rest: Hebrews 4:9

*Other saints: 2Corinthians 5:6-8

*Satisfaction: Revelation 21:4

What are some things you will not find in Heaven?

*Death

*Sorrow

*War

*Pain

*Crying....

What does Heaven look like?

*Beautiful city: Revelation 21:11-21;; 2 Corinthians 12:4

*No Sea?: Revelation 21:1

*No Temple?: Revelation 21:22

*No Sun, Moon or light?: Revelation 21:23; 22:5

*Pure river of water of life: Revelation 22:1

*Tree of life: Revelation 22:2

*No more curse: Revelation 22:3

Does God want all people in Heaven?

_____ ; 2 Peter 3:9 Sadly so many are not willing to come to Jesus Christ and believe on His name and the power of His resurrection. (John 5:40)

In light of this study, what is one thing we can do as a church to encourage people about eternity in heaven?

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

-Philippians 3:20