

Heaven for Kids

Student Study Guide

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As we begin...

ACTIVITY: Take a moment and draw a picture of what you think Heaven will be like. You can add words to describe what you picture in your mind.
(You will need colored pencils or crayons.)

ACTIVITY: Let's think for a moment about this study and why we are doing it. Answer the first two questions in the following chart. We will come back to the third question later.

What do you
KNOW?

What do you
WANT to know?

What did you
LEARN?

Through the course of this study, we will try to answer the question and comments from the middle column. We will also see if “what you know” is accurate.

Introduction:

Why Should We Look Forward to Heaven?

In his note to the readers (page xvii), Dr. Alcorn writes:

“Enjoy exploring life in Heaven. After all, it’s a place where *you* can live forever someday – a place without fear, anger, sadness, or sickness. And it’s not just a place without bad stuff. It’s a place full of *great* stuff: beauty, joy, fun, lots of activity, and rest when you need it.”

Complete this verse:

“We are _____ of _____, where the Lord Jesus Christ _____. And we are eagerly waiting for him to _____ as our Savior.” Philippians 3:20

The dictionary definition of a citizen is:

1. A person owing loyalty to and entitled by birth or naturalization to the protection of a state or nation.
2. A resident of a city or town, especially one entitled to vote and enjoy other privileges there.
3. A civilian.
4. A native, inhabitant, or denizen of a particular place: *“We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community”* (Franklin D. Roosevelt).

Paul wrote in Philippians that “we are citizens of heaven”. If you have asked Jesus to be your Savior, then you are a citizen of Heaven. If you have not made the decision to follow Jesus, sadly, you are not able to enter Heaven.

The way to Heaven is through believing in Jesus – that He died on the cross for your sins (wrong actions, thoughts) to provide a way for you to be clean. You must pray (talk to God) and ask Him to forgive you. Tell Him that you want to follow Him.

If you have more questions about how to get to Heaven or asking Jesus to be your Savior, please find an adult – a parent, a Sunday school teacher, Pastor – and ask them. They would be glad to answer your questions.

Do I really need to think about Heaven?

John writes of a promise that Jesus gave in regards to Heaven. “There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.” (John 14:2-3)

How much room is there? _____

What is the promise we find? _____

What is another name for Heaven? (Hint 2 Peter 3:13) _____

Isn't it enough just to think about being with Jesus?

Where is Jesus? _____

Dr. Alcorn writes, "To long for Christ is to long for Heaven, for that is where we will be with Him. God's people are 'longing for a better country' (Hebrews 11:16). We can not set our eyes on Christ without setting our eyes on Heaven." In Colossians 3:1, we are told to "set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." God commands us to do what?

What are the "things above"? _____

What do I look forward to?

What things do you look forward to? _____

Right now, I am looking forward to a mission trip to Alaska. I like the sense of adventure that will come in changing planes four times. I like the adventure of being at a camp in the middle of nowhere, with the possibility of no electricity. But there are many things I am unsure about or that I do not know about it.

I can email the missionaries at the camp for specific information. I can talk to them on the phone if I choose. I look forward to this Alaska trip with great excitement and anticipation. As I look forward to being with Jesus and in Heaven, I should be even more excited and anticipate even more wonderful things.

What do people believe about Heaven?

In the movie, "All Dogs Go to Heaven", why did Charlie not want to be in Heaven?

Do you think his perception was right? Of course not.

TRY THIS: Ask 5 people what they believe about Heaven. Record their answer here.

QUESTION: What do you believe about Heaven?

1. Name _____

Answer

2. Name _____

Answer

3. Name _____

Answer

4. Name _____

Answer

5. Name _____

Answer

In December of 2005, Barbara Walters did a segment on the ABC News – “Heaven: Where is it? And how do we get there?” A poll was taken where nine out of 10 people believed in Heaven. Walters traveled to India, Israel and throughout the United States, interviewing religious leaders, scientists, believers and non-believers to hear multiple perspectives on heaven and the afterlife.

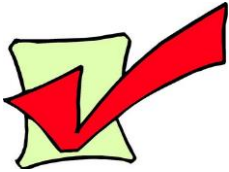


Although the cultures are different, that she explored, most believe that the bad people will go to Hell and the good people will go to Heaven. In the article written from Walters’ visits, she explains how the Romans believe this way and the Viking believe this. She shares the beliefs of several religious leaders which she spoke with on her travels. One was an evangelical pastor. [He] “believes if you are not a born again Christian, you have no assurance of going to heaven. But if you are "born again" in the belief that Jesus Christ is your personal savior, you are assured a place in Heaven. He also believes that this life is a sort of weigh station on the way to an eternal home. "Jesus Christ guarantees eternal life to anybody that'll follow him. ... The purpose of life is to glorify God and go to heaven ... 'cause heaven is our home."

Evangelical - a member of a church that believes in Christian Gospel. A church like our church.



Let's answer the question that titles this introduction – Why should you look forward to Heaven?



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for His plans. Thank Him for a Bible-believing church and leaders that will teach you about God, about Heaven, and how to grow in your relationship with Him.

Chapter One

What Can We Know about Heaven?

“He showed _____ the holy city, _____, descending out of _____ from God. It shone with the _____ of God and _____ like a precious stone The city wall was _____ and _____..... The twelve gates were made of _____.... And the main street was pure _____, as clear glass The glory of God _____ the city, and the Lamb is its _____.

The nations will walk in its _____.” Revelation 21:10-12, 21, 23-24

ACTIVITY: In reading this verse, how does your picture from page 3 compare? Are there changes you can make? Take a moment to add to your picture on page 3 or draw a new picture below.

Is Heaven a real place?

How is Heaven described?

Many times, we think that Heaven is in the sky and we picture cute angels with wings sitting in the clouds playing harps. Dr. Alcorn points out that this is not an accurate image. Clouds are made of water.

What is the New Earth?

Where do we get our ideas about Heaven?

We need to protect our eyes and our minds from sources that promote witchcraft, sorcery, and other types of activities. This includes video games and board games. Can you think of books, movies, or games that YOU have read, watched, or played that fall into this category? These are dangerous and do not glorify God. **Our purpose of life is to glorify God in all we do.**



HEART CHECK POINT

(A heart check is when you take time to evaluate what you are doing, what you are willing to do, and how you can apply the Truth or point to your life. A heart check may require a change to be made. With each heart check, take time to pray about what God would like you to do.)

What should YOU do about the activities that you know are not glorifying God?

Are you willing to make a commitment to God to be more alert in what you do and watch?

Take a moment and pray about what God wants you to do.

Did you know Satan was once an angel in Heaven? What happened that the Satan was thrown out of Heaven? (Hint Isaiah 14:12-15)

So how can we know what Heaven is like if we've never seen it?

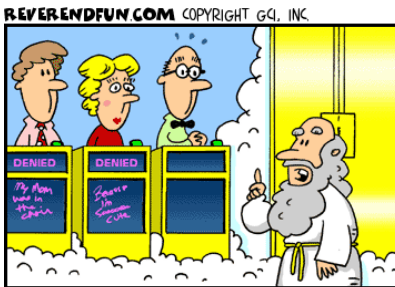
The Bible says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

There are many things that we will not know about Heaven until we get there.

If we're good, does that mean we'll go to Heaven someday?

You should be able to answer this question. What is the answer?

Some religious beliefs have other ideas about how one gets to Heaven. The Jehovah Witnesses believe it is only a certain number of people that will get to Heaven. Everyone tries to be good enough and hope that they will be in that number.



Thanks to Gary Robertson 01-21-2000
I'M SORRY LINDA, "BECAUSE I'M SOOOO CUTE" IS NOT THE ANSWER TO THE BIG QUESTION ... ON TO TOM, WHAT DID YOU HAVE FOR "WHY SHOULD YOU GET INTO HEAVEN?"

Thankfully, we can know if we will go to Heaven. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9).

For it is by what? _____ Who's grace? _____

For it is by grace [from God that] you have been saved. Through what? _____ Can you get this by yourself? _____. What is it? _____



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JOE REALIZES THAT HEAVEN HOLDS MORE MYSTERIES THAN HE IMAGINED

NOT by anyone's effort or works. Why can't we earn salvation through works? The end of the verse says, "so that no one can boast." To boast means "to glorify oneself in speech; talk in a self-admiring way; to speak of with excessive pride."

Solomon, who wrote the Proverbs, talked about pride. Let's look at what happens when one has too much pride. Look up the verse listed. In the blank, write what happens as a result of pride.

Proverbs 11:2 _____

Proverbs 13:10 _____

Proverbs 16:18 _____

Proverbs 29:23 _____

Ecclesiastes 7:8 – What is better than pride? _____

Satan was once an angel who was highly favored. But then look what happened, he was demoted and kicked out of Heaven.

Will we have real bodies in Heaven?

There are passages in the Bible that give us mention to a physical body in Heaven. Jesus Christ, after he came back to life, told the disciples to check Him out. He showed Thomas the piercing in His hands, feet, and side. When Moses and Elijah were on the Mountain (Luke 9:28-36), they each had a physical body.

Another story is from the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

As Dr. Alcorn mentioned earlier, we won't be living on the clouds. There are physical features described about Heaven – the streets of gold, the mansions, etc.

Can we be sure we'll go to Heaven instead of Hell?

We talked about this already. "No one goes to heaven based on his or her good deeds. We get there only as a gift from Jesus." (27)

"The great danger is that we will *assume* we are headed for Heaven. Judging by what's said at most funerals, you'd think nearly *everyone's* going to Heaven, wouldn't you? But Jesus made it clear that most people are *not* going to Heaven: 'Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it' Matthew

7:14)." (Study guide, 5)

HEART CHECK POINT



Do YOU know for sure that YOU will go to Heaven when you die?

Only you can answer this question.

Has there been a time when you recognized that you needed Jesus as your Savior?

Has there been a time that you prayed and asked Jesus to come into your heart?

If you answered “YES” to these questions – GREAT!!!! If you answered “NO”, let’s go on a bit more.

A – Admit you are a sinner (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Acts 3:19, 1 John 1:9)

B – Believe that Jesus died on the cross and will forgive you of your sins (John 3:16, John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:11-13)

C – Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Romans 10:9, 10, 13)

You can pray a prayer like this:



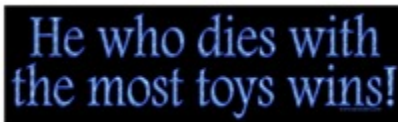
“Dear God, I know I have sinned and that my sin separates me from You. I am sorry for my sin. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me so my sin can be forgiven. I believe Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. God, please forgive me. I ask You to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. I will obey You and live for You the rest of my life.

Thank You for loving and saving me from my sin. Amen.”

If you have prayed this prayer, I encourage you to talk to your parents and your leaders. They will rejoice with you in this decision.

What does it mean to store up treasure in Heaven?

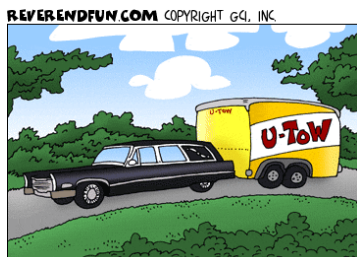
Have you ever seen this bumper sticker on a car?



“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19-20.

Does this verse mean that we cannot have “things”? _____

This verse means that we are to be more interested in God than in the toys and things that we have or want. It is not wrong to have things.



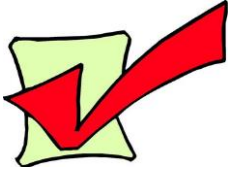
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WALTER KNEW THAT HE COULDN'T TAKE HIS EARTHLY TREASURES TO HEAVEN, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP HIM FROM TRYING

When I went overseas, as a missionary for two years, I had to narrow down my things to four suitcases. Yes, you read that correctly – four suitcases, for two years. Books, clothes, shoes, etc. Packing for this helped me realize how trivial (not important) many of the things we have are. I had to decide what was necessary to take.

When we die, we cannot take any of this with us.



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – What can we know about Heaven?



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for sending His Son to earth.

Chapter Two

After We Die, Then What?

“Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, today _____ will be with _____ in _____.’” Luke 23:43

Paradise – “a perfect world, without corruption of sin, where God walks with us and talks with us in the cool of the day.” (Alcorn, Heaven, 78)

What happens to us the second after we die?

Dr. Alcorn writes, “Death is a mystery because dead people don’t usually come back and talk about life on the other side.” (36) Look at the third paragraph on page 36, the third line. What does it say? “We _____.”

What’s the difference between the present Heaven and the future Heaven?

The present Heaven is _____ . (page 38)

The future Heaven is _____ . (page 38)

One day the present Heaven and the future Heaven will be together. It will be Paradise!

Is Heaven “up”? Where exactly *is* it?

Heaven is a place. Jesus referred to it when He spoke to the disciples. He told them, “I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (John 14:3). “The word *where* refers to a place. The phrase *comeback and take you* indicates movement and a physical destination.” (Alcorn, Heaven, 80)

We do not know where Heaven is. This is one of God’s many surprises.

Look up these verses.

Isaiah 65:17 – What will God create? _____

Revelation 21:1 – What did John, the author, see? _____

What will happen to the first heaven and first earth? _____

If we die before Jesus comes back, will we have bodies in the present Heaven?

We will have a _____ form in the present Heaven.

When Jesus rose from the dead, He had a body. There were several who saw and spoke to Him.

Read Luke 16:19-31. This is the story of Lazarus and the rich man. What parts of the body were mentioned in this passage?

The rich man’s _____

Lazarus's _____

Do people in Heaven remember life on Earth?

What is your best memory? _____

What is your most difficult (worst) memory? _____

In Heaven, we _____ remember life on Earth – the good times and the difficult times.

One of my best memories is learning how to water ski, when I was younger. A difficult memory I have is dealing with a strained relationship with a friend.

Good or bad memories, Heaven will be wonderful. We will be happy to be there. As we remember different memories, we will see how God worked in our lives when we did not even notice. That is exciting to me. I will see how God protected me and how He guided me.

YEAH GOD!!!!



Take the time to thank God for the times you have missed seeing His hand in daily situations. Thank Him for the memories that you have made and the memories you will continue to make.

Can people in Heaven see what's happening on Earth?

I wonder what people in Heaven think as they are watching what's happening on Earth. I wonder if they laughed when they saw what my friend and I did to the youth pastor's house. :o) I wonder if my grandparents know what influence they had in my life.



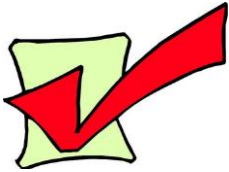
Are people in Heaven praying for people on Earth?

Possibly is the answer to this question. But we are assured that Jesus IS praying for us. The Bible says that He intercedes on our behalf to the Father. (Romans 8:34) Can you grasp that concept? Jesus is taking

our prayer requests to the Father. At times, when we do not know the words to say, because the situation is very difficult, Jesus knows what to say for us. THANK YOU JESUS!!!!



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – After we die, then what?



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for the things that we do not know or understand yet. Tell God how you trust Him even with the unanswered questions that you may have.

Chapter Three

How Will We Relate to God in Heaven?

“I know that my Redeemer _____, and that in the end he will _____ upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh, I will _____; I myself will _____ with my own eyes.” Job 19:25-27 (NIV)

Will we actually see God?

Earlier this year, on the bulletin board, several of you wrote that if you could spend one hour visiting with someone that you would like to spend time with Jesus. Some wanted to spend time with a family member or a famous athlete.

Matthew 5:8 answers the question – will we see God? _____

Think about that. We WILL see God. Revelation 22:4. How will we react? Will we be star-struck and not be able to speak? Will we scream like a girl?

NEW PHRASE – “Beatific vision” this is a happy-making sight. Seeing God will be a beatific vision. It will make us happy because we will be with Him for eternity. :o) (Alcorn, Heaven, 172)

What does *eternal life* mean?

Eternal – “being without beginning or end; existing outside of time; continuing without interruption; perpetual; forever true or changeless”

What is a verse that tells us about the gift of eternal life? (Hint, it is one most all of you should know.)

How will we worship God?

Worship – “the reverent love and devotion accorded a deity, an idol, or a sacred object; the ceremonies, prayers, or other religious forms by which this love is expressed; ardent devotion; adoration; to honor and love as a deity; to regard with ardent or adoring esteem or devotion.”

What does worship involve? _____



HEART CHECK POINT

We will worship God when we are in Heaven. How do you spend time in worship to God here on Earth? _____

When do you spend time in worship? Is it only when you are at church?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 states some commands. List them below.

Always _____

Never _____

Be _____

Why would God want to serve us in Heaven?

Serve – “to work for; to be a servant to; to give homage and obedience to: *served God.*”

Sometimes when we are asked to serve others, we do not have the best of attitude. Some of us would rather be served, than to be the server. But when we get to Heaven, it will be a privilege to serve.

Last fall, I was at a conference. There were several hundred people there. We were served breakfast each morning. This man, not in uniform, came by the tables and was picking up our used plates, silverware, and napkins. He just smiled as he took the things away from the table. After the meal was over, tables were mostly cleared.

Someone gets up to introduce the guest speaker. The guest speaker was ... the man clearing the tables.

We were so surprised to see him standing there. When asked why he was clearing the tables, he said that he enjoys serving others.

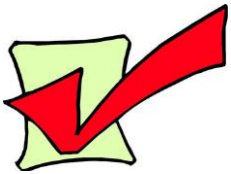
Read Matthew 20:28. What did Jesus come to do?

What did He NOT come to do? _____

We owe God so much. He has done so much for us. He provided a way for us to get to Heaven. We do not deserve what God has done. God continues to bless us because He loves us so much.



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – How will we related to God in Heaven?

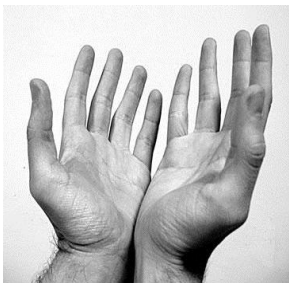


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Chapter Four

What Is the New Earth? What Will it Be Like?

“Then I saw a _____ heaven and a _____ earth.... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the _____ of _____ is with _____, and he will live _____ them. They will be his people, and God himself will be _____ them and be their God....’ [Jesus] said, “I am making everything _____!” Revelation 21:1, 3, 5, NIV

Is God going to destroy the earth and make a different one from scratch?

2 Peter 3:10 says, that “The heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.”

“The Bible teaches us that while the earth will be destroyed for awhile, it will be restored.” (60). We will have cultures and nations as we do now.

Will the New Earth be like our Earth was in the beginning?

What is the most beautiful place that you can think of? _____



For some, it may be a beach, others, may say the mountains. I would say Canaima, in Venezuela. In Canaima, there are several waterfalls. Angel Falls is so tall. The water spills over into a pool at the bottom of the fall.

“Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” We each see things differently. The waterfall that I see as beautiful, you may not. But you may see something is beautiful, and it may not be to me. Beauty is an opinion.

We have been taught that the Garden of Eden was a wonderful, beautiful place. If God was so particular in the creating of the Garden of Eden, He will take the same care in the New Earth.

ACTIVITY: Read Revelation 22:1-5. From the description in these verses, take the time to draw it. If you prefer not to draw, then list out the descriptions.

Will places like the Grand Canyon actually be on the New Earth?

Dr. Alcorn writes, "Based on what the Bible says, I think we'll not only see things the way they are now, but we'll see things the way they were meant to be. On the New Earth, no good thing will be destroyed." (64)

What will the New Jerusalem be like?

The New Jerusalem will be ...

The most _____ city

The _____ city that ever existed.

The New Jerusalem will have ...

Wall made of _____,

City of _____ as pure as glass,

City walls decorated with _____.

What is the River of Life?

How did John (in Revelation 22:1-2) describe the River of Life?

What is the Tree of Life?

The Tree of Life was in the Garden of Eden; it is now in Heaven. When the New Earth is created, the Tree of Life will move there.

What other cool features will New Earth have?

ACTIVITY: Answer this question by drawing the things we should see on the New Earth. (Hint, look on page 71, Dr. Alcorn tells us.)

Will there be time on the New Earth?

Look at these verses. Write the time span that is given in each verse.

Revelation 8:1 _____

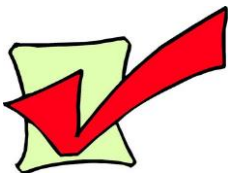
Luke 15:7 _____

Revelation 6:10-11 _____

Revelation 22:2 _____



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – What is the New Earth? What will it be like?



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for His plans for the New Earth.

Chapter Five

Who Rules?

“The holy _____ of the Most High will be _____ the _____, and _____ will _____ forever and ever.” Daniel 7:18

Who will rule the New Earth?

Adam and Eve were created to rule over the earth, but they messed up. So, they failed. “Jesus Christ is the second Adam, and the church is his bride, the second Eve.” (Alcorn, Heaven, 215). This means that, Jesus will be the king, and the church will be his queen.

Matthew 25:34, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.” If we are a child of God, then we get to inherit the Kingdom prepared for us. How exciting.

How long will we rule?

Daniel 7:18 says that “they will rule _____ and _____.”



Forever is a long time!

Who will we rule?

We will rule over some; others will rule over us. It is kind of like your teacher is over you. But your principal is over your teacher.

“The Bible says the humble servant will be put in charge of much, while the one who bosses everyone else around will have power taken away.”(80) Let’s break this down. The humble servant will be put in charge of much. Humble is “marked by meekness or modesty in behavior, attitude, or spirit; not arrogant or prideful.”

Do you know someone who is humble? _____

Describe what they are like. _____

Do you like to be around this person? _____

“The one who bosses everyone else will have their power taken away.” OUCH! You probably didn’t expect to

read that. I am sure that you can think of someone who is very bossy. BUT we are not going to think about them. We are going to search our own hearts.

HEART CHECK POINT



Are YOU humble or bossy to others? _____



Take a moment and ask God to help you to be humble rather than bossy. You can use the lines to write your prayer.

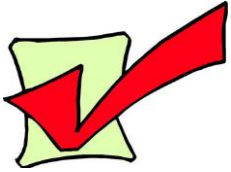
Will God create new worlds?

“Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.” Isaiah 9:7, NIV There will be _____
_____. This leads us to believe that God will continue to increase (make more) kingdoms.

John 5:17, NIV, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” We cannot even imagine how vast (big, huge) the new world will be.



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – Who rules?



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and ask God for a servant's heart and attitude. Thank Him for the servant examples you see each day – maybe a parent, a teacher, a friend. Thank God for the preparations God is making for us to join Him in Heaven one day.

Chapter Six

What Will Our Lives in Heaven Be Like?

“You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.” Psalm 16:11

Chapter 6 is a long chapter. Stick with it! You can do it!

Will we become angels in Heaven?

This is one of the questions I had. What is the answer? _____, we will _____ become angels when we get to Heaven.



Will we have feelings and express them?



Have you felt happy? Jesus did. Have you felt sad? Jesus did. Have you cried? Jesus did too (John 11:35). Have you felt angry? Jesus did (Matthew 21:12; Mark 11:15). Is there someone you love? Jesus loves you and me.

Will we be allowed to have or do what we really, really want?

Have you ever wanted something so, so much that you begged and pleaded for it? What was it?

In the movie, “The Christmas Story”, Ralphie wants a BB gun. His mom thinks he is too young, but Ralphie gets the gun anyway. But what happened? The first time, he shot the gun, he got hurt.

Sometimes when we want something it is not the best thing. But when we get to Heaven, all the things we want will be right and good.

Will we have the same identities we have now?

When Jesus rose from the grave, how did He prove to the disciples He was the same person? (Hint John 20:19-28)

What will our new bodies be like?

We have talked about this before a bit. We will not be caught up in our appearance or in what others think of our appearance.

Will we be able to fly and do other great stuff in our new bodies?

Superman is the hero widely talked about right now. He can jump buildings in a single bound; he always knows when there is a person in need.

Do you remember the story when the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane? The disciples went to the Garden with Jesus and Jesus asked them to pray. (Matthew 26:36-46) The disciples fell asleep. They wanted to stay awake, but they couldn't.

This is one of the questions we do not know the answer to. We will find out in Heaven, when God reveals it to us.

How old will we be in Heaven?

Again, we will have to wait for this answer until we get to Heaven.

Will we wear clothes?

What is your favorite outfit? Describe or draw it.

Mine is jeans and t-shirt with sneakers – very comfortable and casual.

There are references to clothing in Revelation. Jesus wore a robe dipped in blood. The priests wore robes that were specifically for them. This allows us to believe that we, too, will wear clothes.

Will we eat and drink in Heaven?

Dr. Pepper, Twizzlers and my mom's Mexican salad are my favorites. The song, "Big House" talks about having lots and lots of food.

Matthew 8:11 – at the f_____ in the Kingdom of Heaven

Revelation 19:9 – w_____ f_____ of the Lamb.

We will eat and drink in Heaven. We will feast!

Will we ever be tempted to do wrong things?

True or False:

_____ Heaven will be perfect.

_____ Just because we live in Heaven, a perfect place, does not mean we will not sin. (We can still sin in Heaven).

_____ "There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these are gone forever."

_____ Everything that causes sin and all who do evil will NOT be allowed in Heaven.

Your answers should be – true, false, true, and true. How can the false statement be corrected?

There will be no sin in Heaven. There will be no pain in Heaven.

Will we have the freedom to make our own choices?

Freedom – "the capacity to exercise choice; free will."

Free will – "Free will is the freedom to choose to obey God or disobey him." (99). Each of us has the free will to choose God or to not choose God.

Look at this verse – Romans 5:19, "For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous."

Because of Adam and Eve's disobedience, we were made sinners. But through obedience of the One – Jesus – we can be made righteous. We have the free will to choose God. In Heaven, there will not be sin

and we will not want to sin.

Will all people get the same rewards in Heaven?

We will get different rewards and have different positions. Let's look at what the Bible says about rewards:

Ephesians 6:8 – The Lord will _____

Hebrews 6:10 – God is not _____.

Mark 9:41 – "... gives ... in my name ... will certainly _____"

Revelation 2:23 – "... I will give to each _____"

As we serve others, we gain rewards in Heaven. But if our intentions or attitude are wrong, then there will be no reward. Our focus should not be on the reward but in helping others.

HEART CHECK POINT



How can you be a servant to others? _____

When you are asked to do a chore at home or to watch your younger brother/sister, what is your attitude?

The Bible says, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men," Colossians 3:23. But continue reading, verse 24 says, "Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."

"Whatever you do" – that includes watching your younger brother, cleaning your room, doing your homework, etc.

I told you earlier about the conference speaker who was bussing the tables. He was serving others without expecting anything in return. But what will he receive? A reward in Heaven!

Will we know everything?

Wouldn't it be nice to know everything? We would get straight A's in school because we would know all the answers.



Omniscient – all-knowing.

We will know more and we will understand more clearly when we are in Heaven. But, we will not know everything. **God is the only One who is omniscient.**

Will we learn new things?

Yes, we will continue to learn new things in Heaven. We know that we do not know everything. - which means, that there is so much more to learn.

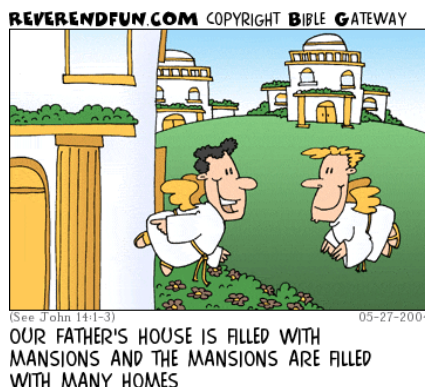
Will we sleep?

What did God do after he created the world? _____

Revelation 14:13 says, "...they will _____ from their hard work.

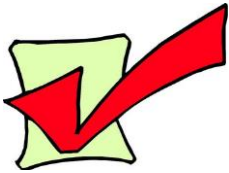
Will we have our own place to live?

Think about the song, "Big House" again. The song says, "... a big, big house, with lots and lots of rooms...." Jesus told the disciples that He was leaving them to go prepare a place for them. He promised He would return when He was ready to come for them and us.





Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – What will our lives in Heaven be like?

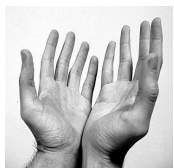


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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for His plans for us. Thank Him for preparing a place for us.

Chapter Seven

Who Will We Hang Out With in Heaven?

“We want you to _____ what will _____ to the _____ who have died so you will not _____ like people who have no hope.... First, the _____ who have died will _____ from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be _____ up in the clouds to _____ the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord _____ . So encourage each other with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16-18

Will we just hang out with Jesus, or will we have other friends too?

Who are your friends? _____

HEART CHECK POINT



Do your friends know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior?

If your friends know Jesus and you know Jesus, then you will be reunited together in Heaven. If your friends do not know Jesus, then it is time to tell them.

Will there be families in Heaven?

Heaven will be a HUGE family reunion. Those in Heaven will be part of the family of God.

This means your brother or sister will still be your brother or sister in Heaven. BUT WAIT! Although they may antagonize you here on Earth, know that you will have a good relationship with them in Heaven.

Will people get married?

Jesus was asked about this by a religious leader. Jesus answered, “When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage” Matthew 22:30. (120)

If some people we love go to Hell, won't we be sad in Heaven?

I do not want any of my friends or family members to go to Hell. But as Dr. Alcorn explained, we all are given the choice – to choose God or not. This is free-will. God will give comfort to those who have loved ones that did/do not know Him.

Will our enemies become our friends?

“Love your enemies” (Matthew 5:44), this is a difficult command to obey. I am supposed to like, no love someone who is not kind to me? In Heaven, we won’t have enemies. We will be friends with everyone, even if they were not our friend on Earth.

Will we be the same race or have the same national heritage we have now?

“Since you’ll be the same person you are now, that means you’ll have the same race and national heritage.” (126)



Do you know someone from a different country? _____

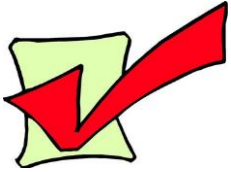
Being with a culturally diverse group can be very interesting. You can learn about their culture, their religious beliefs, and their customs. So to think that we will have multiple races in Heaven is cool. Think about the many things we can learn.

Will we speak just one language or more?

When I lived in Venezuela, the Venezuelans would say that we are going to speak Spanish in Heaven. The Japanese people say we will speak Japanese. In America, we say it will be English. Prior to the building of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11), there was one language that was spoken.



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – Who will we hang out with in Heaven?



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for the new friends we will make in Heaven and for the friends and family members that we will see again.

Chapter Eight

Will Animals Live on the New Earth?

“Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: ‘ _____ and _____ and _____ and _____ belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.’” Revelation 5:13

What plans does God have for animals on the New Earth?



2 Kings 2:11 ... chariots pulled by _____

Revelation 6:2-8, what animal do you find here? _____

Revelation 19:14, the animal here? _____

So, we know that there are _____ in Heaven. This is one issue that we do not have all the information in regards to other animals. But, God cares for animals. He created them.



Will we see our pets again on the New Earth?

What pets do you have? _____

What are the three things God could do on the New Earth? (Hint: page 139)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Will extinct animals live on the New Earth?

Can you imagine living with some of the extinct animals?

ACTIVITY: Draw a picture of you and some extinct animals together.

This relates to the last question. It is not clear what God will choose to do. He is all-powerful (omnipotent) and can do so much.

Might some animals talk?

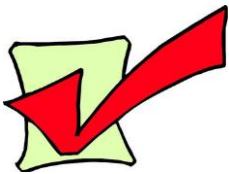
The Bible mentions a couple of animals that talked. Can you name them?

1. _____ (Hint: Genesis 3)

2. _____ (Hint: Numbers 22:22-36)



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – Will animals live on the New Earth?



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for His plans for the animals.

Chapter Nine

What Will We Do in Heaven?

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.... They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.... The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.”

Revelation 14:13; 22:3 NIV

Chapter 9 is a long chapter, too. Stick with it! You can do it! We are almost done with this study.

Will Heaven ever be boring?

At the beginning of the book, we mentioned the movie, “All Dogs Go to Heaven.” Charlie didn’t want to go to Heaven because he figured Heaven will be boring. We have discussed many things that will happen in Heaven. Do you think we will be bores in Heaven? _____

Why won’t we be bored in Heaven? _____

Will we *have* to work in Heaven?

In Heaven we WILL work, but we will not be disgruntled about working. We will not feel like we *have to* work, we will be pleased to work. It is similar to service and serving others.

Will we sing, dance, and make music?



What are ways that we express our worship to God? _____

Music! Music is fun. Music is soothing, but it can also energize a person.

Music, instruments, and singing are throughout the Bible. Write the instruments or action from each passage:

Revelation 8:7-13 _____

Revelation 15:2 _____

1 Chronicles 25:1-8 _____

Psalm 150 _____

Isaiah 38:20 _____

Mark 14:26 _____

Ephesians 5:19 _____

2 Samuel 6:16 _____

Luke 15:25 _____

Will we laugh?

I am glad that God has a sense of humor.

I have this picture of Jesus laughing. It makes me and laughing with us.



think that Jesus may be watching us

- Will we play?
- Will there be sports?



What do you enjoy playing? _____

I may be an adult, but I enjoy playing like a kid. Like the Toys R Us theme song says, "I don't want to grow up."

JOKE: *Do you know when the first baseball game was mentioned in the Bible?* In the "BIG" inning, Genesis 1:1.

Will there be art and entertainment?

Have you ever seen a beautiful sunset? All the colors in the sky – pink, purple, blue, orange, etc. The earth is God's canvas. He created the landscapes of the sand dunes, the mountains, the ocean islands. He will do the same on the New Earth.

As far as entertainment, we may be thinking of media – like television or movies or the theatre. So often, these things portray sin. Usually the wrong-doing is justified or made funny. We call this entertainment. We will have entertainment, but it will be clean entertainment.

TRY THIS: Fill in the blanks.

"I can't wait to be part of making a _____ to be painted/presented/produced/
performed by _____ (insert your name or someone else's name),
all to the glory of the most important person in the audience: King Jesus Christ of Nazareth!" (Page 159)

Will there be stores and other businesses in Heaven?

God gave us gifts and talents to use. We will use these gifts in Heaven. What is your gift or talent?

Whatever we do, we are to do it as working for the Lord, and not for men (Colossians 3:23).

Will there be computers or other technology?

Technology is good, but we are too dependent on it. For Disciple Now and Encounter Weekend and for camp, we banned cell phones. You would have thought that we did something horrible. The whole time, we heard about the precious cell phones that they did not have. When we gave the phones back, you would have thought we gave them the most expensive, most precious gift of all.

While technology is good, it can be distracting. We do not know if we will have technology in Heaven. We do know that if technology is there, it will be used properly. It will not distract us from other things.

True or false: _____ My computer, television, cell phone or video game can become an idol (more important than God).

What will travel be like?

It is not clear how we will travel. We do know that there will be streets, so we will be walking. But as far as planes, trains, and automobiles, we do not know.

Will we explore the universe?

"God promises to make not only a New Earth but also "new heavens" (Isaiah 65:17; 66:2; 2 Peter 3:13). The Greek and Hebrew words translated "heavens" include the stars and planets and what we call outer space." (Alcorn, Heaven, 447).

Will there be aliens on other planets?

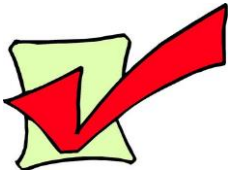
God could decide to create aliens on other planets, but we do not know that He will. We do know that God will be creating "new heavens". This means stars and planets.

Will we travel through time?

God can let us do anything. Traveling through time would be interesting. Have you thought about the many times that God's hand was on a situation, but you missed seeing it? Maybe, God will choose to show us the many ways that He provided for us. How precious that would be.



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – What will we do in Heaven?

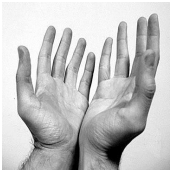


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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for:

Chapter Ten

How Can We Know We're Going to Heaven?

"I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

The Wedding Singer and the Book

Who does Aslan represent? _____

What is the Book? _____

Why did Ruthanna miss the dinner party? She forgot to respond to the invitation. She did not think she had to respond. That is how many people feel to the invitation Jesus offers. They figure, my parents or grandparents are Christians that makes me a Christian. WRONG! Or they think, I go to church, I'm not an awful person, so I'm good to go. Yeah, good to go not to Heaven! Each of us must respond individually to Jesus' invitation.



While this cartoon has humor in it, it raises some serious questions.



HEART CHECK POINT

Have you responded to the invitation Jesus gives? _____

Is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life? How can you know for sure?

A Summary of the Gospel

What is the Gospel? _____

The Good News is the Gospel. The good news that we can go to Heaven is the Gospel.

Can you share the Gospel with someone? _____

Do you know someone who needs to hear the Gospel? _____



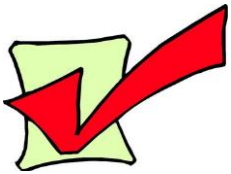
Will your friends say this about you?

TRY THIS/ACTIVITY: When sharing the Gospel with someone, what are the main points you need to cover? In the lines below, list some of the main verses you should share; write other notes that would help you.

(HINT: If you are unsure how to start, think about the ABCs or the colors on the power band bracelets.)



Let's answer the question that titles this chapter – How can we know we're going to Heaven?



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and ask God to give you boldness to share the Gospel with someone. Ask God for someone to share the Gospel with. (When you ask Him this, be prepared to share with someone.)

Conclusion

The Great Story That Goes on Forever

“God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace.” Ephesians 2:6-7 NIV

This is the last chapter!

Living now in light of Heaven

Are you looking forward to Heaven?

I am looking forward to Heaven more now that I have done this study. I look forward to being with Jesus, but I also look forward to seeing my Oma and seeing Granddad. I look forward to meeting my Opa, Grandma Price and Grandpa Campbell.

Farewell to the Shadowlands

Fairy tales often begin with “Once Upon a Time” and end in “Happily Ever After”. Heaven is not a fairy tale. If our name is in the Lamb’s Book of Life, if we have asked Jesus into our heart, then we will have a “happily ever after” ending. It is not an ending, but a beginning to what God has next.

What will your ending be?

Happily Ever After

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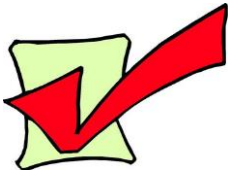
READY OR NOT, HERE I COME

Ready or not, Jesus is coming soon. Are you ready?

ACTIVITY: On page 5, we started a chart – what you know, what you want to learn, and what you learned. Take the time to complete the chart. What did you learn in this study?



Use these lines to write any questions you still may have. If we, as leaders or parents, do not know the answer, we will work to find out. Remember, though, as we saw throughout the book, there are things that we will not know until we get to Heaven.



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As you finish this chapter, take a moment and thank God for Dr. Alcorn and the others that wrote this study. Thank God for your leaders that led your class discussions. Thank Him for the things you learned through this study.

As we finish...

ACTIVITY: Heaven, the New Earth. One last drawing – does your picture from page 3 or page 11 need things added to it? You may want to draw a new picture of Heaven here.

Evaluation Form

Students please complete this evaluation form and return it to your leaders. Your comments will help us. **Parents**, those of you that did this study with your child, please feel free to make comments on the back of the evaluation form. Thank you.

Heaven for Kids – book.

Please rate each statement.

1 – Strongly Disagree

3 – Maybe/Neutral

5 – Strongly Agree

1. The book was written so that I can understand it.

1 2 3 4 5

2. The book answered questions that I had about Heaven.

1 2 3 4 5

3. The connection with Narnia made the book interesting.

1 2 3 4 5

4. If you could talk to the author, Dr. Alcorn, what would you want to say or ask him?

Heaven for Kids – study guide

1 – Strongly Disagree

3 – Maybe/Neutral

5 – Strongly Agree

5. The study guide was helpful to me.

1 2 3 4 5

Please write why or why not. _____

6. The study guide was a tool that made me think about the reading..

1 2 3 4 5

7. We could have had this class without the study guide.

1 2 3 4 5

Please write why or why not. _____

Heaven – class time

1 – Strongly Disagree

3 – Maybe/Neutral

5 – Strongly Agree

8. Our leaders were prepared for discussion each time we met.

1 2 3 4 5

9. Our leaders encouraged us to continue to read, even when (if) we fell behind. .

1 2 3 4 5

10. Meeting two times most weeks and for an hour was appropriate time for discussion and review of the material.

1 2 3 4 5

Other comments, suggestions: _____

Parent's comments, suggestions: _____

Name (optional) _____

Age/Grade _____

May your comments from the evaluation form, be passed on to the publishers and author?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If you say “yes” you will need to write name and age/grade.

The Extra Stuff

- *Heaven, CEF*
- *Bibliography and Resources*
- *Reward Chart*
- *Heaven study Bible verses*
- *Other information*

Heaven

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Just before Jesus was crucified, He gathered His disciples together. He had a very important message for them. He told them that soon He would be leaving them. He said, "Let not your heart be troubled," or "Don't be afraid." He told them where He was going and why. He said, "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:1-3).

That place is heaven. The disciples knew very little about heaven at that time. But you and I can read what it will be like. The apostle John wrote about it in the last two chapters of the Book of Revelation. Who can tell me what their numbers are? (21 and 22) Things were so different that they were hard to describe, but John did his best. Let me tell you what He said about heaven.

The Home of Our Heavenly Father

Heaven is the home of God the Father. I love to come home and find someone who loves me waiting for me. That's what going to heaven will be like. God loves us more than anyone in the whole world can. We can talk to God now, and He speaks to us through His Word. But in heaven we will live with Him. And we will see the Lord Jesus sitting on His throne. He'll welcome us to heaven, and we'll live with Him forever! (21:3)

A Place of Joy and Peace

We don't know when we'll be called to heaven. Sometimes people are very sick before they go. It might be hard for some to leave behind the people they love. But all of that won't matter when we get to heaven. If we have been sick or sad, the Bible says God will wipe away every tear from our eyes and there will be no more death; we'll never be separated again from those we love. There will be no sorrow; we'll never be sad again. There will be no crying' once Jesus wipes away our tears, we'll never cry again. And there will be no more pain (21:4). What a wonderful place heaven will be!

A Place of Great Beauty

Heaven will be a beautiful place to look at, too. In heaven, the city and the street will be made of pure gold. You and I have never seen such pure gold before. It will be shinier than anything we've seen. It will be so pure that it will be transparent like glass. We'll be able to see through it! (21:18, 21).

The foundation of this city will be made of precious stones. Do you know what the foundation of your house looks like? It's usually dull concrete: we try to hide it with bushes or we paint it. We won't have to do that with heaven's foundation. Heaven is beautiful from top to bottom. There will be twelve layers in the foundation. Each layer will be made of "all kinds of precious stones" (21:19). Some of those jewels will be brilliant colors – red, blue, green purple, yellow; others will be sparkling clear like diamonds.

The huge wall around the city will be no ordinary wall. The Bible says it will shine as clear as crystal (21:11). A wall around the city was important in Bible times. Once you were inside the wall, you were protected from your enemies outside. Inside the walls of heaven, we will never have to be afraid of anything again. We will be protected from all harm.

Built into those walls there will be twelve gates, three on each of the four walls around the city. And even the gates will be beautiful to see. Each gate will be one giant pearl (21:21). Imagine a pearl big enough to be used as the gate in the city's wall.

A Place Bright with God's Glory

Do you remember a time when angels came to earth? One appeared to the shepherds who were watching their sheep in the field the night Jesus was born. How did the shepherds react? The angel glowed so brightly with the glory of God that the shepherds were afraid (Luke 2:9). That was just one angel. In heaven there will be twelve angels as the gates (21:12) and tens of thousands more inside. Imagine all these bright and shining angels in one place.

But their brightness is nothing compared to God's. In heaven there will be no sun, and there will be no moon (21:23). There will be no need for a lamp or a nightlight because there will be no night there

A Place of Delight and Service

Heaven will be full of wonderful things to see and enjoy. A river of water as clear as crystal will flow out, from the throne of God (22:1). On either side of the city's main street will be a special tree called "the tree of life." This tree will bear twelve different kinds of fruits – a different fruit every month (22:2). That's really amazing, isn't it!

What will we be doing in heaven? Some people think we will all be lying around on clouds doing nothing but playing little harps. That's not what the Bible says. Look in Revelation 22:3. It says, "His servants shall serve Him." We will have work to do, work that we enjoy. With our new bodies – bodies like that of the risen Lord Jesus (1 John 3:2), we will never get tired of serving. We will be there for eternity. Perhaps the Lord will let us explore His universe or even travel to other galaxies!

A Place for Those Written in the Book of Life

Oh, there's one more thing that will be in heaven. It's a book. It's called the Lamb's Book of Life. This is a very important book. It is the book that has listed in it all the names of everyone who can enter heaven (21:27). If your name isn't in this book, you'll never see all the beautiful things we've talked about. If your name isn't written in this book, you will be forced to spend forever in a place of punishment that God prepared for the Devil and his followers (20:15).

Is your name in "the Lamb's Book of Life"? It is if you've believed in the Lord Jesus as your Savior (Acts 16:31).

What Jesus Did So That Heaven Can Be Your Home

Before Jesus came to earth as a baby, He was in heaven. Once I get there, I don't think I will ever want to leave. But Jesus gave up His beautiful heavenly home so that you and I could have our names written in His Book of Life.

Jesus lived a perfect life. He never did one thing wrong. But He let sinful men nail Him to a cross. He shed His blood and died to take the punishment for sin that you and I deserve (Romans 6:23). He did all that because He loved us. After Jesus died, they placed His body in a tomb and sealed it. But they couldn't keep Him there. Jesus rose from the grave and is now in heaven, sitting next to God the Father on His throne (Hebrews 12:2). He is waiting for you. He wants you in heaven (1Timothy 2:4).

How to Be Sure You Are Going to Heaven

Now it's up to you. You must admit that you are a sinner, that you have done wrong (Romans 3:23). You must believe Jesus died to take your punishment and that He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4). And you must ask Jesus to be your Savior (Romans 10:9). When you do, your name will be written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. Jesus will have a place especially prepared for you, just as He did for the disciples. And you won't ever have to be afraid of death again.

Let's look at exactly what Jesus told His disciples. Turn to John 14:1-3: "Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also."

Jesus said, "Believe in Me." If you've never told the Lord Jesus you believe He died on the cross for your sin, you can do that right now. Then you won't have to hope or wonder if you will go to heaven when you die. You will know for sure.

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Heaven study Bible verses

1. "We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior." Philippians 3:20 (1 verse)
2. "He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of god and sparkled like a precious stone The city wall was broad and high ... The twelve gates were made of pearls And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.... The glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. The nations will walk in its light." Revelation 21:10-12, 21, 23-24 (3 verses)
3. Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43 (1 verse)
4. "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes." Job 19:25-27 (3 verses)
5. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God' {Jesus} said, 'I am making everything new!'" Revelation 21:1, 3, 5 (3 verses)
6. "The holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever." Daniel 7:18 (1 verse)
7. "You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." Psalm 16:11 (1 verse)
8. "We want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope ... First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16-18 (4 verses)
9. "Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth in the sea. They sang: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.'" Revelation 5:13 (1 verse)
10. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on ... They will rest from their labor, for their deed will follow them. ... The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will serve him." Revelation 14:13; 22:3 (2 verses)
11. "I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13 (1 verse)

12. God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace." Ephesians 2:6-7 (2 verses)