

What Will Heaven Be like?

Lesson 5

Seeing the Earth Restored



Why Is Resurrection So Important

(1) Christ's Resurrection

I Cor. 15:3-6

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

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(2) What If No Resurrection

I Cor 15:17-19

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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(3) Our Hope in Resurrection

1 Cor 15:20

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Summary: Why Is Resurrection So Important? Questions?

- (1) Christ's Resurrection - We shall be like Him
- (2) What If No Resurrection -
- Everything is In vain
- (3) Our Hope in Resurrection -
- Examine our faith

Discussion (Chip Ingram)

“If you were given the choice of going to Heaven today or waiting ten years, how many of you would choose waiting the ten years?”

WHY?

What really
happens
after I die

Key Verse(2 Cor.
5:6-8)

What Really happens after I die?

Quarter Exam.

What Really Happens after I die?

(1) Angels will usher your soul to Heaven

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.”

(Luke 16:22)



What Really Happens after I die?

(2) Heaven becomes your forever home

“Between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.” (Luke 16:26)(John 5:28-29)

What Really Happens after I die?

(3) You immediately enter God's presence.

The apostle Paul says, "Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. (2 Cor. 5:6-8)

What Really Happens after I die?

(4) You are conscious and in command of your faculties of thought, feelings, speech, and memories.

- No physical body yet

Summary: What Really Happens after I die?

(Chip Ingram)

- (1) Angels will usher your soul to Intermediate Heaven
- (2) Heaven becomes your forever home
- (3) You immediately enter God's presence.
- (4) You are conscious and in command of your faculties of thought, feelings, speech, and memories.

Discussion

Will you miss anything about this earth when you gone?
(aside from sin's pleasure and it's ugly consequences)

Will the New Earth be familiar like Home? What do you think?

New Heaven and New Earth

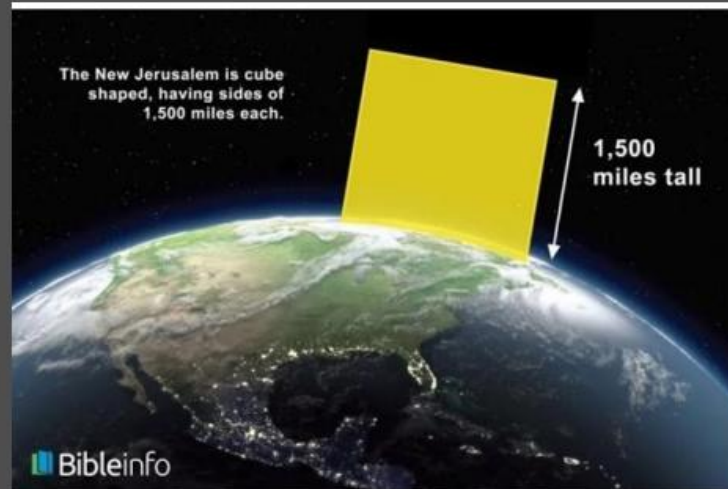
- Old Earth “laid bare”
(2 Peter 3:10)
- New Earth -
resurrected bodies
living in a physical
restored earth







The Footprint of New Jerusalem, capitol of the global Eternal Heaven



Timeline of Human History

Garden of Eden		Fallen World		Rapture of the Church	Christ's Return Final Judgment
					
Gen. 1–2		Gen. 3–Rev. 20		1,000 Year Reign of Christ	New Heaven New Earth
Rev. 20:1–6		Rev. 21–22			
God with man in a perfect earth		God separated from man in a cursed earth		God with man in a temporary earth	God with man in a New Heaven on a New Earth FOREVER

► Theologian René Pache writes,

“The emphasis on the present heaven is clearly rest, cessation from earth’s battles and comforts from earth’s sufferings.

The future heaven (New Heaven and New Earth) is centered more on activity and expansion, serving Christ and reigning with Him. The scope is much larger, the great city with its twelve gates, people coming and going, nations to rule. In other words, the emphasis in the present heaven is on the absence of earth’s negatives, while in the future heaven it is the presence of earth’s positives, magnified many times through the power and glory of resurrected bodies on a resurrected Earth, free at last from sin and shame and all that would hinder both joy and achievement.”

New Earth

Will the New Earth be Familiar...
like Home? (Alcorn)

- Familiar, earthly
- Resurrected **bodies**
- Home, retaining the good
- Dynamic
- God's presence, Friends to enjoy
- Like garden of Eden

Encourage each other- Why Study Heaven

2 Peter 3:11-14

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn. But according to his promise we are waiting for **New heavens and a new earth** in which righteousness dwells.

Why study heaven? Why is it important?

Questions?

Summary of Today's lesson



Why Is Resurrection So Important



What really happens after I die



New Earth Will be Familiar like home