

Questions About Heaven

Introduction

- We rarely visit a new restaurant, hotel, or city without doing some research about what we are getting ourselves into.
 - What is it like? Where is it at? When is it open? How much does it cost?
- We have many questions about Heaven, and God has provided answers to many of them.
- We can know many things about Heaven, but it will certainly be far beyond what we can understand or imagine – Isaiah 64:4.

Is Heaven Real?

- Absolutely! The Bible clearly teaches that Heaven is a real place.
 - It is where God's throne is – Isaiah 66:1
 - Jesus went there after His Ascension – Hebrews 9:24
 - Jesus said He would take us there – John 14:1-4
- As for location, it is described as “above” (Colossians 3:2) and in beyond space in the “third heaven” (II Corinthians 12:2)
- If anything, Heaven is more “real” than our current state. There we will have a fuller knowledge and understanding untarnished by sin. – I Corinthians 13:12

How Do We Get To Heaven?

- There are not multiple paths to Heaven, it is found only through Christ – John 14:6
- Salvation is found only in faith in Christ's finished work of redemption – Romans 5:8, 6:23, 10:9
 - It is not something we earn ourselves – Ephesians 2:8-9
- At the end of our earthly life, we pass either through death or the Rapture to receive our “glorified” bodies and enter into Heaven – I Corinthians 15:50-58

What Will We Be Like In Heaven?

- We will have a “glorified” body just as Christ has after His Resurrection – I John 3:2.
 - It not just spiritual or incorporeal. Christ could be touched and interact with the physical world – Luke 24:36-43
 - That body is perfect, free from aches, pains, age, and sin's effects. – Revelation 21:4
- We will maintain our personality and individuality – I Corinthians 13:12

- In the Bible, people that have died maintain their identity – Moses, Elijah, Abraham, David, and so on. – Matthew 22:31-32
- We will likewise know (and be known by) our loved ones and friends.

Will We Be Married In Heaven?

- Christ said that marriage is not practiced in Heaven – Matthew 22:23-30
- Companionship (Genesis 2:18) and procreation (Genesis 1:28) are two primary reasons for marriage on earth that will no longer be issues in Heaven.
- “This does not mean that a husband and wife will no longer know each other in heaven. This also does not mean that a husband and wife could not still have a close relationship in heaven. What it does seem to indicate, though, is that a husband and wife will no longer be married in heaven.” – GotQuestions.org
- If anything, we will be *closer* in Heaven with our better knowledge and freedom from sin.

What Will We Do In Heaven?

- We will still do service to God – Revelation 22:3
- We will worship God – Revelation 5:13
- We will spend time with others – Matthew 8:11