

## THE REALITY OF HELL

Eternal Realities  
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*"For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim . . . reflection [of reality] . . . but then . . . we shall see in reality and face to face!" 1 Corinthians 13:12 (AMPC)*

### THE REALITIES OF LIFE

1. God made you to love you and wants your love back.
2. You were made to last forever.
3. God has prepared 2 eternal places.
4. You choose where you'll spend eternity.
5. There is no second chance after you die.

#### 1. WHY DOES HELL EXIST?

- BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_
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#### 2. WHAT IS HELL LIKE? \_\_\_\_\_

*"If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be separated from God— lost forever!" 1 Corinthians 16:22 (NCV)*

God is...	Without God, Hell is...
Love	Terrifying and lonely
Light	Complete darkness
Good	Absolutely nothing good there
Life	Eternal death and torment
Gracious	A place of no grace.

#### 3. HOW DO I SETTLE MY ETERNAL DESTINY?

*"I write this to you who believe in . . . the name of the Son of God . . . so that you may know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have life, yes, eternal life." 1 John 5:13 (AMPC)*

*"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."*

1 John 5:11-12 (NIV)

*"At one time you were separated from God. You were his enemies in your minds, and the evil things you did were against God. But now God has made you his friends again. He did this through Christ's death in the body so that he might bring you into God's presence as people who are holy, with no wrong, and with nothing of which God can judge you guilty." Colossians 1:21-22 (NCV)*

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (KJV)*

**A \_\_\_\_\_ I NEED A SAVIOR TO GET TO HEAVEN**

**B \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS DIED FOR ME**

**C \_\_\_\_\_ MYSELF COMPLETELY TO HIM**

**D \_\_\_\_\_ ON GOD'S PROMISE**

#### 4. WHAT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY? \_\_\_\_\_

*"If I announce that some wicked people are sure to die and you fail to tell them to change their ways, then they will die in their sins, and I will hold you responsible for their deaths." Ezekiel 33:8 (NLT)*

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.' But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, 'How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!'" Romans 10:13-15 (NLT)*

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“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand.”  
Colossians 3:1 (NLT)

### WHAT IS HEAVEN?

- IT’S** \_\_\_\_\_  
“LORD, I look up to you, up to heaven, where you rule.” Psalm 123:1 (GNT)
- IT’S** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:20 (BSB)
- IT’S** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.” Matthew 25:34 (NIV)  
  
“This was [God’s] purpose: that when the time is ripe he will gather us all together from wherever we are—in heaven or on earth—to be with him in Christ forever.”  
Ephesians 1:10 (TLB)  
  
“For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven.” Hebrews 13:14 (TLB)

### WHERE IS IT?

- IT’S** \_\_\_\_\_  
“God looks down from heaven at people to see if there are any who are wise, any who worship him.” Psalm 53:2 (GNT)

### WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

“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 (NLT)

### NOT IN HEAVEN

No Sickness  
No Sadness  
No Suffering  
No Sin  
No Death

### IN HEAVEN

Reunion  
Rewards  
Responsibilities  
Rest  
Rejoicing

### HOW DO I GET INTO HEAVEN?

“This Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven—makes us right in God’s sight—when we put our faith and trust in Christ to save us. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scripture says it, ‘The man who finds life will find it through trusting God.’” 1 Peter 2:11 (TLB)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not Perish but have Everlasting Life.” John 3:16 (KJV)

### HOW SHOULD I LIVE IF I’M GOING TO HEAVEN?

- DON’T BE** \_\_\_\_\_  
“You are only visitors here on earth. Since your real home is in heaven, keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they are not for you, for they fight against your very souls.” 1 Peter 2:11 (LB)  
  
“If they had wanted to, they could have gone back to the good things of this world. But they didn’t want to. They were living for heaven. And now God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has made a heavenly city for them.”  
Hebrews 11:15-16 (TLB)
- DON’T BE** \_\_\_\_\_  
“That is why we never give up. . . . These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won’t last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God’s richest blessing upon us forever and ever! So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (TLB)
- FOCUS MY ENERGY ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Let heaven fill your thoughts; don’t spend your time worrying about things down here.” Colossians 3:2 (TLB)  
  
“I run toward the goal, so I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done.”  
Philippians 3:14 (CEV)

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John 3:16 (KJV)

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"God so loved the world . . ." John 3:16 (KJV)

"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . he . . . sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." 1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

"What [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown . . .) us, that we should [be permitted to] be . . . called and counted the children of God!"  
1 John 3:1 (AMPC)

"May you be able to feel and understand . . . how long, how wide, how deep, and how high [God's] love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves."  
Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB)

"Come to Christ, who is the living Foundation of Rock upon which God builds."  
1 Peter 2:4 (TLB)

"You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple."  
1 Peter 2:4 (NLT)

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". . . he gave his only begotten Son . . ." John 3:16 (KJV)

"Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ. God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin." Romans 3:24-25 (MSG)

"When we were unable to help ourselves, at the right time, Christ died for us, although we were living against God." Romans 5:6 (NCV)

"For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" 2 Corinthians 5:21 (TLB)

"And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace." Romans 11:6 (NIV)

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". . . whosoever believeth in him . . ." John 3:16 (KJV)

"The free gift of eternal salvation is offered to everyone." Titus 2:11 (TLB)

"One's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all." Colossians 3:11 (LB)

"God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us "not guilty"—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like."  
Romans 3:22 (TLB)

"All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:24 (NIV)

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". . . should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (KJV)

"We are now members of God's own family. . . . And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you . . . And God . . . will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting him." 1 Peter 1:3-5 (TLB)

"What a God we have! . . . Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!" 1 Peter 1:3-4 (MSG)

"We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us—bodies that will never be sick again and will never die." Romans 8:23 (TLB)

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