

UMC Heaven Study

Session 1 – What we Know about Heaven

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(1) What did you think of the answers the street people were giving in the video section? Was there a time in your life when you would have agreed with their description of Heaven?

(2) What do you remember learning about Heaven growing up? Do you remember a movie, book or conversation that stuck in your thoughts that gave a picture of heaven? What conclusions about Heaven did you come to back then?

(3) Heaven has fallen off our cultural radar, what are some reasons why this has happened?

- **Randy** - Satan need not convince us that Heaven doesn't exist. He need only convince us that Heaven is a place of boring, unearthly existence. If we believe that lie, we'll be robbed of our joy and anticipation, we'll set our minds on this life and not the next, and we won't be motivated to share our faith. Why should we share the "good news" that people can spend eternity in a boring, ghostly place that even we're not looking forward to?

(4) If someone in your family says that they don't believe in heaven, what questions would you ask them?

(5) How would we go about telling children and grandchildren about heaven?

(6) Why don't we think and talk about heaven more?

(7) Are you looking forward to being in heaven? Is there anything that scares you about being there?

(8) Using your imagination, describe what you would see and do on the first day in Heaven?

(9) What is the default destination for unbelievers when they die?

For every American that believes he is going to hell there are 120 Americans that believe they are going to Heaven.

- Mat 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

(10) What do the scriptures teach about hell in contrast with Heaven?

- Mar 9:44 where 'THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.'
- Mar 9:47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be **cast into hell fire**—
- Luk 13:26-28 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets. But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' **There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth**, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.
- Luke 16 Rich Man and Lazarus. <https://www.biblegateway.com/blog/2020/06/what-does-the-bible-say-about-hell-an-interview-with-anthony-destefano/>

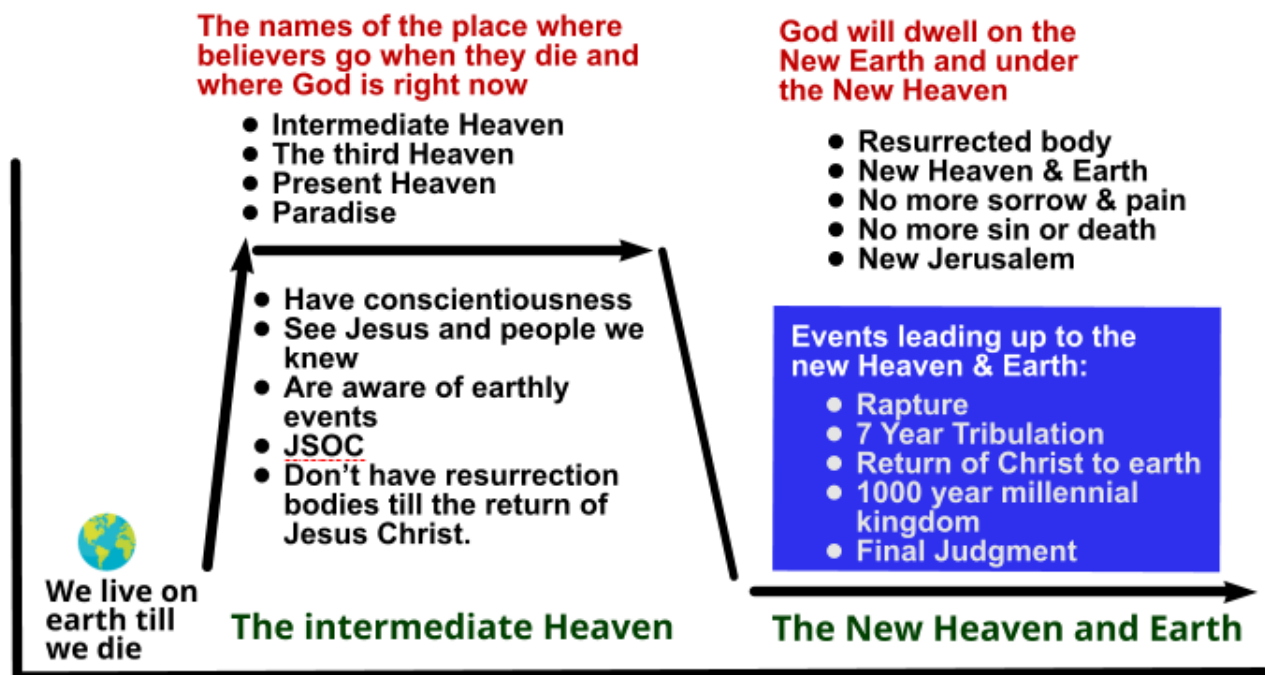
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12) What do these verses ultimately say about where God will dwell with humankind?

Rev 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from Heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Believers Timeline from Earth to Heaven and Beyond



Where is Heaven? Wherever God dwells