

Week 5. Eternity: What is Heaven like?

(Ecclesiastes 3:11) He has also set eternity into the human heart.

(Luke 23:42-43) Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

(Revelation 21:1) Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

What About Heaven?

1. Heaven is a **real** place.

(Revelation 21:14) The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.

2. Heaven is a **right** place.

(Revelation 21:4) He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

3. Heaven is a **relational** place.

(Revelation 22:2) On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

4. Heaven is a **rewarding** place.

(Revelation 22:12) "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done." (Matthew 16:27) For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

Living for Eternity

(Titus 2:11-13 NLT) For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.

1. **Refocus** my energies.

(Matthew 6:19-20) Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. (2 Corinthians 4:18) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2. **Reach** people.

(Jude 1:22-23) Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them.