

**We are starting a new series called FAQs. The most popular questions we received were in relationship to Heaven.
What Will Heaven Be Like?**

I. The Afterlife

- a. Eternity is in our hearts. Ecclesiastes 3:11; 1 Corinthians 15:54-55
- b. We are all spiritual beings with or without acknowledgement. Genesis 2:7; Matthew 10:28; 1 Thess 5:23
- c. You will exist for the rest of eternity. (Daniel 12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:17)
- d. Heaven is not heaven without Jesus. (Ezekiel 48:35b.)

II. Answers to Heavenly Questions

- a. Important afterlife words:
 - i. Sheol- Hebrew word that means “the place of the dead” or “the place of departed souls/spirits.”
 1. Hades is the Greek word for Sheol.
 2. Sheol-has a good side and bad side. See Luke 16:19-31
 3. Abraham’s bosom is the Good side of Sheol. Luke 16:19-31
 4. Jesus went to Sheol pronounce Judgment and release captives. (Eph 4:8-10; 1 Peter 3:18-20)
 - ii. Paradise- Paradise is the Persian word for “the kings garden” or “Park”
Paradise is describes as heaven in 2 Corinthians 12:4 and Revelation 2:7 (See also Luke 23:43).
 - iii. Gehenna.
 1. Gehenna was a trash dump. Previously it was a place of idol worship in Jerusalem. Jesus used Gehenna to illustrate hell. In Revelation 20:11-15 Hades/Sheol will be thrown in to Hell.
- b. Angels
 - i. Angel means Messenger.
 - ii. Some angels look like people and some do not. (Gen 19; Rev 4:7; Ezekiel 1:6-11)
 - iii. Angels have wings and don’t have wings. (Gen 19; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 2:15; Ezekiel 1:6-11)
 - iv. Guardian angels are real- (Heb 1:14).
- c. Levels of Heaven.
 - i. In many ancient cultures, people used the term “heaven” to describe three different “realms” —the sky, outer space, and then a spiritual heaven. Sky- Isaiah 55:9-10 Outer Space- Genes 1:16-17 Spiritual Heaven 2 Corinthians 12:2-4
 - ii. Jesus made it clear that his plan for Heaven was to build you a place next to Him (John 14:1-3)
- d. Are people in heaven aware of what is happening on earth? Hebrews 12:1-2 Matthew 17:3-4 1 Peter 1:12
- e. What is the structure of the family in heaven? Rev 7:9; Matt 17:3-4; Matthew 22:30; Luke 16:19-31
- f. Do we receive Rewards in heaven? 2 Corinthians 5:10; Victor crown 1 Corinthians 9:25-27; crown of rejoicing 1 Thess 2:19; Crown of righteousness 2 Timothy 4:8; Crown of Life James 1:12 Rev 2:10 ; Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:4)
- g. Is there a second chance after we die? Hebrews 9:27 (See also John 1:12; 3:3; 3:17)
- h. What will you do in heaven all day? Isaiah 6; Rev 22:3; Matthew 25:23; Genesis 2:15; Eph 2:6-7; Psalm 16:11; Rev 15:4.

III. What is heaven going to be like? We can’t imagine it.

- a. The bible says this you can’t even imagine it. 2 Corinthians 2:9
- b. Isaiah 6:1-8 Powerful worship
- c. God is making a new heaven and earth 2 Peter 3:10,12
- d. God is making a new Jerusalem Revelation 21:15-20
- e. God is taking away all pain and suffering Rev 21:1-5