

## HEAVEN

**Heaven is a Spiritual topic that must be understood Spiritually** - 1 Cor 2:13-14 - 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The **man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God**, for **THEY ARE FOOLISHNESS TO HIM**, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**\*This is equivalent to a child understanding life using their limited understanding. This is why we are told not to lean on our own understanding (Prov 3:5).**

**Our Fate** - Heb 9:27-28 - 27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

**We will all appear for judgment** - 2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**\*Some say this the judgement for Christians concerning rewards, and not the White Throne judgement in Rev.**

**When we become Christians, we are no longer citizens of earth** - Phil 3:20-21 - 20 But our citizenship IS in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**The Faithful puts their hope in the heavenly place** - Heb 11:16 Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

**Christ is preparing a place in Heaven for believers to be with him forever** - John 14:1-4 - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."

**HEAVEN** - (Hebrew)shamayim , (Greek) ouranos

**There are three heavens, Implied by a reference to the third Heaven. –**

**The Third heaven is where God is** - 2 Cor 12:2-4 - 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago -- whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- such a man was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know how such a man -- whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows -- 4 was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak. NASU

**The first heaven includes the atmosphere, but is there more?** - Gen 1:6-8- 6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. 8 God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. NASU

**The following is talking about space. Is it the second heaven or is it still talking about the first heaven –**

Gen 1:14-19 - 14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. 17 God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth. 18 and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. 19 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. NASU

1 Cor 15:40-41-40 There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. 41 The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

**We know the first heaven will be destroyed by fire...will this include the second?** - 2 Peter 3:5-7 - 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

**Could another dimension be the second Heaven?**

Eph 3:10-11-10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the HEAVENLY REALMS, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the HEAVENLY REALMS.

## Descriptions of Heaven

### The OT sanctuary on earth was an imitation of the Heavenly Sanctuary –

Heb 8:3-5 - 3 Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. 4 If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. 5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "SEE TO IT THAT YOU MAKE EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN.

Heb 9:23-25 - 23 It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. 25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. (Ex 25:8-27)

### Some actual descriptions of Heaven –

Rev 4 - After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. 3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. 4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. 6 Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: 11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Rev 21:15-21 - 15 The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. 16 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\*. 17 He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using. 18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. 19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

\*shape of a cube 1,380 miles each way

\*An estimation was made that if only 25% of this was used to live in, it would hold 20 billion people.

Rev 22:1-5 - Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. 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. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

**God will be the everlasting light, there will be no more night** - Rev 21:22-26 -22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

### The new Jerusalem will be coming down from Heaven –

Rev 21:2-4 - 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Now THE DWELLING OF GOD IS WITH MEN, AND HE WILL LIVE WITH THEM.**" They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 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."

Rev 21:10-14 - 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. **On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.** 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 **The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

#### Characteristics of Heaven and what's to be expected

- Heaven is only for those that have been born again John3:3
- There will be **no**:
  - Sea – Rev 21:1
  - Tears – Rev 7:17, 21:4
  - Sickness – Rev 22:2
  - Pain – Rev 21:4
  - Death – Isa 25:8, 1 Co 15:26
  - Thirst or hunger – Rev 7:16
  - Sin – Rev 21:27
  - Need for sun or moon – Rev 21:23
  - Night – Rev 21:25, 22:5

**Heaven is God's Kingdom which dictates Christians' life on earth** - Matt 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; **whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven**, and **whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**"

#### Our bodies will be changed –

1 Cor 15:42-44 - 42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Cor 15:35-38 - 35 But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

**Our bodies will be like Christ's** - 1 John 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**Marriage will not happen, no more death, & we will be like angels in God's Kingdom** - Luke 20:34-36 - 34 Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead WILL NEITHER MARRY NOR BE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, 36 and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

**What will happen to memories, weather good or bad?** - Isa 65:17 "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The **FORMER THINGS WILL NOT BE REMEMBERED, NOR WILL THEY COME TO MIND.**

**\*As said earlier, if this is either hard to take, or comforting in the flesh that will cause confusion. This can only be comprehended in the Spirit.**

**Christians will be with God forever** - Rev 21:27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone WHO DOES what is shameful or deceitful, but ONLY THOSE whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

#### Can a person be removed from the Lamb's book of life?

Ps 69:28 May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.

Rev 3:5 **He who overcomes will**, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

#### When do people actually go to Heaven?

**The Righteous will be part of the first resurrection & will reign with Christ during the Millennium** - Rev 20:6- Blessed and holy are those who have part in the FIRST RESURRECTION. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

#### When it's all said and done there will be 3 resurrections that matter:

1. Of Jesus (Math 28:5-6)
2. Raptured saints (1Thes 4:13-18, Rev 20:6)
3. Non-believers (Rev 20:11-15)

**The new heaven and the new earth are the home of the righteous** -2 Peter 3:11-13 - 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness

### **144,000 is a group that represented the Israelites that were protected by a Seal in the tribulation—**

Rev 7:2-8 - 2 Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." 4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: **144,000 FROM ALL THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL**.

5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,  
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,  
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,  
6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000,  
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,  
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,  
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,  
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,  
8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,  
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,  
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

**\*Dan & Ephraim (seems to be replaced by Joseph)**

### **A quick description of people who made it out of the tribulation to heaven –**

Rev 7:9-17 -9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" 13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes — who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "**THESE ARE THEY WHO HAVE COME OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**. 15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. 16 Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### **QUESTION; WHAT IMMEDIATELY HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE**

**There are two main beliefs concerning what happens when one dies**

1. When a person dies if they are saved, they go to Heaven for eternal life and if they are not saved, they go to Hell to be tormented eternally.
2. When a person dies their spirit goes to God, they are in a sleep state. Christians will rise at the Rapture to be with the Lord forever and unbelievers will rise during the Great White Throne Judgment and thrown in Hell to be annihilated.

**Lazarus and the rich man may give some insight** - Luke 16:19-31- 19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' 25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' 27 "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 29 "Abraham replied, "**THEY HAVE MOSES AND THE PROPHETS; LET THEM LISTEN TO THEM**.' 30 "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 "He said to him, "**IF THEY DO NOT LISTEN TO MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, THEY WILL NOT BE CONVINCED EVEN IF SOMEONE RISES FROM THE DEAD**.'"

- **There is a conversation with two people that are dead.**
- **The rich man is obviously in agony in the Hell he is in.**
- **Some say Abraham's side (or bosom) was the holding place for the righteous**
- **Some say this is a real story instead of a parable because it's the only PARABLE with an actual name (Lazarus).**
- **There is a Chasm between Heaven and Hell**
- **God has provided everything a person will need to make the final DECISION to go to Heaven or Hell, other things are nice additives**

## When away from the body where are we? –

### Some say people go immediately with Christ

2 Cor 5:6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

Phil 1:23-24 - 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and **BE WITH CHRIST**, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

2 Cor 5:8-10 - 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and **AT HOME WITH THE LORD.** 9 **So we make it our goal to please him**, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**\* If we go directly with Christ, what happens during that time?**

### Some say soul sleep

**The Dead know nothing** - Eccl 9:5-6 - 5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no further reward, and even the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Their love, their hate and their jealousy have long since vanished; never again will they have a part in anything that happens **UNDER THE SUN.**

**Daniels Vision of the dead** - Dan 12:1-2-1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people-everyone whose name is found written in the book-will be delivered. 2 Multitudes **WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH** will awake: **some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.**

**The first to rise in the Rapture will be those that are dead...are they sleep or in heaven?** - 1 Thess 4:14-16 - 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ **WILL RISE FIRST.**

### So, what happen to Enoch?

Gen 5:22-24 - Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God; **THEN HE WAS NO MORE, because **GOD TOOK HIM AWAY.****

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was **TAKEN FROM THIS LIFE**, so that he **DID NOT EXPERIENCE DEATH**; he could not be found, because **GOD HAD TAKEN HIM AWAY.** For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

**Elijah taken up to heaven like Enoch...right?** - 2 Kings 2:8-11 - 8 Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. 10 "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours-otherwise not." 11 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and **Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.**

**After his ascension into heaven, King Jehoram of Israel received a letter from the prophet seven years after his ascension, indicating that the king would be punished severely for his sins** -2 Chron 21:12 Jehoram received a letter from Elijah the prophet, which said: "This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: 'You have not walked in the ways of your father Jehoshaphat or of Asa king of Judah.

**No one has gone to heaven before Christ.** - John 3:13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-the Son of Man.

**Is the man on the cross up in Heaven?** - Luke 23:39-43 - 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today **YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.**"

**The three days Jesus was in the grave he didn't go to heaven** - John 20:8-17 - 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) →

→10 Then the disciples went back to their homes, 11 but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said "Do not hold on to me, for I HAVE NOT YET RETURNED TO THE FATHER. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

**The Bible alludes that Jesus, during the three days, went to preach to spirits in prison - 1 Peter 3:18-19 - 18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, 19 through whom also HE WENT AND PREACHED TO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON**

#### **The spirit of man goes to God when we die?**

Ecc 12:7 and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Acts 7:59-60 - 59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Luke 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

**Is man a spirit?** - Gen 2:7 And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. ASV

**When it's all said and done, our soul dies or lives not just our spirit** - Mark 8:36-37- 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

#### **WHAT WILL GET US INTO HEAVEN**

**You must be saved** - Rom 10: 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Living a life of belief in Christ** - John 11:25-26 - 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who BELIEVES IN ME will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever LIVES AND BELIEVES in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**Heaven will be for those who persevere in living by faith and not turning back** - Heb 10:35-39 - 35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." 39 **But we are not of those who shrink back AND ARE DESTROYED,** but of those who believe and are saved.

#### **Life purpose will determine the outcome –**

Gal 6:7-8 - 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will **reap destruction**; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will **reap eternal life.**

Rom 2:5-8 - 5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 God "**WILL GIVE TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE.**" 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give ETERNAL LIFE. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be WRATH AND ANGER.

#### **Those that definitely WILL NOT GO to Heaven**

**Living a life Not looking out for those in need leads to eternal death** - Matt 25:41-46 - 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.' 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, **WHATEVER YOU DID NOT DO FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID NOT DO FOR ME.**' 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**Those who live based on the sinful nature will not enter Heaven** - Gal 5:19-21 - 19 **The acts of the sinful nature are obvious:** sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those **WHO LIVE LIKE THIS WILL NOT inherit\*** the kingdom of God.

**The wicked and the like will not inherit the Kingdom of God** – 1 Cor 6:9-11 - 9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? **DO NOT BE DECEIVED:** Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**Make no mistake, "Inherit the Kingdom of God" does mean going to Heaven, because the alternative is Hell-** Rev 21:7-8 - 7 "**He WHO OVERCOMES WILL INHERIT** these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. 8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, THEIR PART WILL BE IN THE LAKE THAT BURNS WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH." NASU

**No idolaters will enter the Kingdom of God** - Eph 5:5-7 - 5 For of **THIS YOU CAN BE SURE:** No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an **idolater** — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 **LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU WITH EMPTY WORDS,** for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

**Not knowing God keeps people out of Heaven** - 2 Thess 1:8-9 - He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be **punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord** and from the majesty of his power

**Hate equals murder which equals Hell** - 1 John 3:15 -Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

**The unpardoned are doomed for Hell** - Mark 3:28-29 - 28 I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. 29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

**Those who chose to leave Jesus** - John 15:5-6 - 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. **IF A MAN REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM,** he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 **IF ANYONE DOES NOT REMAIN IN ME,** he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; **such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.**

**In conclusion, we must get saved to end up in the right place** - Rom 10:8-11- 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, YOU WILL BE SAVED. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."