

Our Fate, our choice- John 3:16-18 - 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

We will ALL appear for judgment –

Rom 14:9-10 - 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

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 teach, that Instead of facing the condemnation of the Great White Throne Judgment (God's judgment seat), Christians are said to face the **Judgment Seat of Christ** (also called the **Bema Seat (elevated platform)**). This evaluation assesses a believer's earthly works to determine heavenly rewards, not their salvation.*

Christians become citizens of Heaven... - 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. (1Peter 2:11-12)

...While the rest live for Hell - Matt 23:15 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

*** After death there are only two destinations—Heaven or Hell. We need to talk honestly about that reality.**

HEAVEN - (Hebrew) shamayim , (Greek) ouranos

Based on the Bible, there are three heavens it speaks of but only one paradise –

This speaks of the first heaven or some say both the first and second heaven being created–

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

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

Ps 104:12 Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches. ESV

Some say the second heaven is accepted as the “Spiritual realm” - 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

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

We know the first heaven, and assume the second heaven, will be destroyed by fire? - 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.

The new heavens that will be created will most likely be the first and the second heaven - 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."*

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)

The Bible does provide some descriptions of a heavenly event –

God's throne in 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."

The new Jerusalem will be coming down from Heaven –

Rev 21:2-3 - 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.

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.

Measuring and describing the New city in Heaven - 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. (Ezek 1:10-12)

*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.

The city will have the river of life with the tree of life - 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.

Christ is preparing a place 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."

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**.

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.

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.

Only 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*.

Here is one description of some people other than Christ in 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**."

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**."

* The key is not given to DRIVE Heaven, it is given as THE ANSWERS to Heaven (Matt 6:10)

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**

Other characteristics of Heaven and what's to be expected

- Heaven is only for those that have been born again John 3:3
- There will be **no**:
 - Sea – Rev 21:1
 - Tears – Rev 7:17, 21:4
 - Sickness – Rev 22:2
 - Pain – Rev 21:4
 - Thirst or hunger – Rev 7:16
 - Sin – Rev 21:27

HELL - (Hebrew) Sheol (The grave) ,

(Greek) Hades, -(Acts 2:27) (Luke 16:23??)The place before hell, the grave

gehenna,(Math 5:22) - Hell the final place of punishment

Tartarus – The holding place for fallen angels

***The Valley of Hinnom**"-a valley just south of Jerusalem. In the time of Jesus the Valley of Hinnom was used as the garbage dump of Jerusalem. Into it were thrown all the filth and garbage of the city, including the dead bodies of animals and executed criminals. To consume all this, fires burned constantly. Maggots worked in the filth.

Hell will be for those who do not accept Christ or have rejected Christ - Heb 10:26-29 - 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Hell will present torment for those that worship the beast - Rev 14:9-11-9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, 10 he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment rises FOR EVER AND EVER. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."

Hell is a place of extreme discomfort - Matt 13:49-50 - 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Torment is how Hell is described in the story of Lazarus and the Rich man - 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.**'

There are some places in Hell worse than others –

2 Peter 2:17 These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. **Blackest darkness** is reserved for them.

Jude 12-13 - 12 These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm — shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted — twice dead. 13 They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

*** These are mainly for false teachers**

There are levels of punishment on the Day of Judgment –

Matt 11:21-24 - 21 "Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be MORE BEARABLE for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be MORE BEARABLE for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

Mark 12:38-40-38 As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 40 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. **Such men will be PUNISHED MOST SEVERELY.**"

Part of Hell is a holding cell for some demons until Judgment –

Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;

tartaroo (tar-tar-o'-o); from Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hades); to incarcerate in eternal torment:

Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

It is also known as the Abyss which is the bottomless Pit -

Rev 17:8 The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

Rev 20:1-3 - And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

The grave (hades) will give up the unsaved to Hell -Rev 20:11-15 -11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

WHAT WILL GET US INTO HEAVEN

You must be saved - Rom10: 9-10 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.

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.

Our life actions with others is evidence that will heavily decide if we are in Heaven - Matt 25:34-36 - 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Their outcome is planned - Matt 25:46 ...the righteous to eternal life."

The Righteous Characteristics - Rom 2:7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

WHAT WILL GET SOMEONE INTO HELL

If you do not have the Holy Spirit- Rom 8:9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ

Choosing the wrong way of life - Matt 7:13-14 - 13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Simply put, hell is for those who choose to reject Christ - 2 Thess 1:8-9 - 8 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

Those who purposely live wrong and support that type of living - Rom 1:32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Living for the flesh instead of the Spirit -Rom 8:13-15 - 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, YOU WILL DIE; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, YOU WILL LIVE, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels and now for those who don't love - Matt 25:40-43 - 40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' 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.'

Their outcome is planned - Matt 25:46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment...

Those that cause sin and do evil will be thrown in Hell - Matt 13:41-43-41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Not forgiving - Matt 6:14-15 - 14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, **your Father will not forgive your sins.**

The wicked's Characteristics Rom 2:8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

We must take Hell seriously and realize we should do all to avoid going there. -Mark 9:43-48 - 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. 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 than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 48 where "their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

QUESTIONS ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE DIE (HEAVEN & HELL Follow-up)

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.

What did the story Lazarus and the rich man display

- There is a conversation with two people that are dead.
- Living for self-indulgence is a factor
- The Hell the rich man is in is Hades not Gehenna and he is obviously in agony.
- Some say Abrahams side (or bosom) was the holding place in Hell for the righteous
- Belief in the Bible is what is needed for people to be saved.

Where does the Word say believers are when away from the body?

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.

The Word describes what happens to the spirit of man when we die?

What happens to the spirit of man? - Eccl 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 - 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 it's our soul that dies or lives not 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 does the Bible say about 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 12:1-3 - 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. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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.

Questions on some that have already died

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 21:12-15 - 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. 13 But you have walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and you have led Judah and the people of Jerusalem to prostitute themselves, just as the house of Ahab did. You have also murdered your own brothers, members of your father's house, men who were better than you. 14 So now the LORD is about to strike your people, your sons, your wives and everything that is yours, with a heavy blow. 15 You yourself will be very ill with a lingering disease of the bowels, until the disease causes your bowels to come out.'"

This implies those doomed for hell will be held in a Hell holding cell while being punished as implied in Lazarus and the Rich man - 2 Peter 2:6-10 - 6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— 9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, WHILE CONTINUING THEIR PUNISHMENT. 10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority.

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– 20 - 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.'"

Some say during the three days he went to Hell to preach to spirits and the dead, but exactly who?

Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison - 1 Peter 3:18-20 - 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 20 who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built...

When Jesus comes from heaven for Rapture, where do the dead come from?^{1&2} -1 Thess 4:14-17 - 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. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

IS HELL "PUNISHMENT ETERNALLY" OR "ANNIHILATION"

Some say it is eternal torment because our souls are immortal, but what does the Bible say? – 1 Tim 6:15-16 - 15 which God will bring about in his own time — God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 **WHO ALONE IS IMMORTAL** and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

The example of Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed not tortured - Jude 5-7-5 Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home — these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

In Hell the body will be destroyed - Matt 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
apollumi (ap-ol'-loo-mee) to destroy fully (reflexively, to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively

Eternal punishment— See above - Matt 25:46, Rev 14:9-11-9, 2 Thess 1:6-10

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

1. Of Jesus (Math 28:5-6), 2. Raptured saints (1Thes 4:13-18) & Tribulation saints (Rev 7), 3. Non-believers (Rev 20:11-15)

In conclusion we MUST TRULY be in Christ Jesus in order to avoid Hell- Rom 8:1-5 - Therefore, **there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,** 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, 4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in US, WHO DO NOT LIVE ACCORDING TO THE SINFUL NATURE BUT ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT. 5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

Questions (Heaven and Hell)

Name: _____

1. What exists in the 2nd Heaven?
2. How will Christian's bodies change during the first resurrection? -
3. What new City will come from Heaven to earth? –
4. Hell was created for whom? –
5. Will there be different levels of punishments in Hell? –
6. What must you have to get into Heaven –
7. Three different types of Heaven in the New Testament are? -
8. The Old Testament sanctuary was a copy of what?
9. What are the 4 faces on the creatures around God's throne?

10. What will provide light in Heaven?

11. Who will be allowed to be married in Heaven?

12. What is the Abyss or Tartaroo used for?

13. What happens to those that live by Faith and shrink back?

14. What was Hell created for?