

The Christians Way Forward With God On Earth and in Heaven

EARTH

“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be” John 12:26

Prayer

- Why?

Because our Lord asked us to

Luke 18:1 “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,”

1 Timothy 2:8 “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;”

So that we can grow in the Lord.

Colossians 1:9 “For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;” (KJV)

Because others ask us to pray

1 Thessalonians 5:25 “Brethren, pray for us.”

So that we do not fail

Luke 22:40 “When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.””

In case of sickness or failure to be healed or restored

James 5:16 “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (KJV)

- When to pray?

Always

Luke 18:1 “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

The Lord hears us always

Psalms 121:4 “Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.”

Men are to pray everywhere

1 Timothy 2:8 “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;”

During assembly meetings, women are not to pray out loud.

1 Corinthians 14:34 “Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.”

- How to pray?

Fervently, Confessing our Faults, Righteously, Boldly

James 5:16 "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (KJV)

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Disciples prayer

Matthew 6:9-15 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Men head uncovered, woman head covered.

1 Corinthians 11:4-5 "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved."

- Who do we pray to?

Paul bowed his knees "unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (**Ephesians 3:14**) ""And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." (**John 16:23**). Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (**Acts 7:59**).

We have no example or precept for prayer to the Holy Spirit in Scripture. We read of praying in the Holy Spirit, but nothing of prayer to the Holy Spirit.

- Who do we pray for?

We are asked to pray for "all men" (**1 Timothy 2:1**):

1. Sinners. "[God] will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (**1 Timothy 2:4**).

2. Saints. "Supplication... for all saints" (**Ephesians 6:18**). "Pray one for another" (**James 5:16**).

3. Servants of Christ, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. They need our prayers. Let us not forget them in our closets or in the prayer meetings. Paul repeatedly asks for the prayers of the saints.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:" (**2 Thessalonians 3:1**)

4. Backsliders. We have no direct scripture for praying for wandering saints. But we have our Lord's example. He says of poor backsliding Peter, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not" (**Luke 22:32**).

5. Enemies. "Pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (**Matthew 5:44**).

6. Rulers. "For kings, and for all that are in authority" (**1 Timothy 2:2**).

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Study the word

- How to better understand what I read?

Appreciate that the Bible is the Living Word of God and actually a representation of our Lord.

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

2 Peter 1:21 "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

Through the Holy Spirit revealing it to us.

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 "But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man. The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."

Realize that God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts, so we should invest the time needed to understand a little at a time during this lifetime of learning of our dear Lord.

Isaiah 28:9-10 "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."

Read the passage and compare scriptures with other scriptures.

2 Peter 1:20-21 "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

Take the time to read it clearly, and listen those those the Lord has raised up both in person, and read good written commentaries to help make it understandable.

Nehemiah 8:8 "So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading."

- Best translations

The Word of God as we have seen is actually a representation of the person of our Lord Jesus.

John 1:1, Hebrews 4:12,13.

Not only in the whole of God's Word inspired, each word in God's Word is inspired. The Bible does not just contain the Word of God, the Bible IS the Word of God.

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but *My words* shall not pass away” (**Mark 13:31**). “*The words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*” (**John 6:36**). “He that is of God heareth *the words of God*” (**John 8:47**). “Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled” (**Matthew 5:18**). “Which things also we speak, *not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth*” (**1 Corinthians 2:13**). “Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” (**Proverbs 30:5**)

As we have noticed before the Word of God is God breathed in the original language it was written, It is through these original words that God through His Spirit can reveal His thoughts to us so we can understand the mind of God. Some translations translate words and others translate passages. Do we not want to be as close to what our Lord original had written down so He can help us understand in His Holy Word. **John 6:36, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10**. Examples of translations that translate words accurately are New King James, New American Standard, King James, Numerical Bible, and the most accurate is Darby.

- Best commentaries

We are to learn from those that we personally know that have followed the Lord, and to follow their faith. As well as those whose faith was followed by those we knew.

2 Timothy 3:14 “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,”

Hebrews 13:7 “Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.”

Jesus Christ and the Word of God are the same yesterday and today and forever. The Bible tells us that even though we think something is new that people and circumstances are the same in the past as they are today.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 “That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.”

Some good commentaries can be found on <https://ChristianLibrary.info/lib>, AnswersFromTheBook.net, and stempublishing.com, which are searchable. The writers that we have learned from Paul Canner, Charles Carter, Steve Faulkner, Don Johnson, Denny Oberg, are all easy to read. As are H.A. Ironside, C.H. Mackintosh, and Hamilton Smith. Intermediate studies by Ridout (“The Church And Its Order”, “How To Study The Bible”), Bellett, Dennett, and Wolston. For a serious Christian, the Numerical Bible by F.W. Grant is excellent, as are Kelly (“The Church of God”), and Darby. The Audio Ministry on the Podcast Moments With The Book by Don Johnson is also good and other Audio Ministry at <https://www.scel.com/conf>. Most importantly let us learn, a little at a time from the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

- Practical applications of what I read

Ask the Lord to teach us what He would have.

Psalms 86:11 “Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.”

Have we ever received a dying request from a relative near and dear to us? Do not we remember that and desire to do it? Our Lord desires that we not only read His Word, but that we do it, or keep it. This is how we can be truly happy.

3 John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Luke 11:28 "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

"Forsake not the assembling together"

- Why?

Because our dear Lord who gave His life to save us from an eternity in hell asked us to.

Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

- Where?

Where our dear Lord has placed His name. Today that is in His assembly

Deuteronomy 16:6 "But at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt."

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

- The importance

Our dear Lord is gathering us so He can be in our midst. Do we not want to be where He is?

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Testimony

- Be not unequally yoked

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Amos 3:3 "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"

- Let your light shine

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

- Balancing work life

The purpose of working is to serve God and provide for our families. Working is not to gain glory or honor or wealth, even if the Lord provides those to us. We should honor and be obedient to our bosses, while being content with enough to provide for our families, knowing that we are all in God's service.

1 Timothy 5:8 "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Titus 2:9-10 "Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."

Colossians 3:22-24 "Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

1 Timothy 6:6-8 "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content."

- Being a testimony without violating work rules or offending others

Live peaceably at work, as much as possible.

Romans 12:18 "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."

Simply not doing what others are doing can be a testimony, not laughing at dirty jokes, not going to parties or drinking, not swearing etc.

Exodus 20:7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

2 Timothy 2:22 "Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

Be careful about after work or break activities.

1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

Witness

- Having the desire for souls

Our dear Lord desires, and Paul desired that souls should be saved, we should desire the same.

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

Romans 9:1-3 "I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,"

Romans 10:1 "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

To have this desire for souls we need to sanctify or set apart, our Lord God in our hearts, so we can be ready to give an answer to lost and needy souls.

1 Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” (KJV)

The will of GOD

- How do I know the will of God?

1. *God wants us to know His will.* The apostle Paul prayed for the saints in Colosse that they “might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (**Colossians 1:9**).

2. When Abraham sent his servant to get a wife for his son Isaac from among his relatives, the Lord definitely led him to a *specific* woman-Rebekah (**Genesis 24:14-27**). When Joshua prepared to go to battle against Jericho, the Lord had a very *specific* battle plan for him to follow (**Joshua 6**).

God has certain criteria that we must satisfy before we can know His will. (a) We must not be “conformed to this world” but “transformed by the renewing of [our] mind” in order to know “what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God” (**Romans 12:2**). (b) We must “walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time” if we would understand what the will of the Lord is (**Ephesians 5:15-18**). (c) We must not be allowing active sin in our lives, but daily confessing and repenting of known sin (**Psalms 66:18**). (d) We must sincerely want to be totally emptied of our own will and earnestly desire the Lord’s will for our lives. We must seek to be like our Lord who said, “I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father who has sent Me” (**John 5:30**); and “I delight to do Thy will, O My God; yea, Thy law is within My heart” (**Psalms 40:8; Hebrews 10:7; Luke 22:42**). (e) We must be faithful in carrying out that which we already know to be God’s will if we would learn His will in new areas and for new decisions (**John 7:17**). In short, there is no way of knowing God’s will if our state of soul before Him is not right.

3. *We must actively seek God’s will through prayer, dependence, and waiting upon God.* David prayed, “In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ... for Thy name’s sake lead me and guide me” (**Psalms 31:1-3**). Also, after praying that God would reveal to him any wicked way in him, David asked the Lord to lead him “in the way everlasting” (**Psalms 139:23,24**). And immediately upon his conversion on the road to Damascus, Saul of Tarsus prayed, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” (**Acts 9:6**).

4. *We must quiet our soul and spirit and allow the Holy Spirit liberty to communicate His will to us.* Moses exhorted his people, “Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord” (**Exodus 14:13**; see also **2 Chronicles 20:17**). Elijah experienced in succession a strong wind, and earthquake, and a fire, but it was with “a still small voice” that the Lord revealed Himself to the prophet (**1 Kings 19:11-13**). “Be still, and know that I am God,” we are exhorted (**Psalms 46:10**). And the Lord said of Israel, “Their strength is to sit still” (**Isaiah 30:7, 15**).

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We must desire to follow Him

John 12:26 “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.”

- How can I be sure to do Gods will?

We can do His will when we are guided by His eye, counting the cost to follow the Lord, put away sin, and seeking counsel from the Word, and Godly elders.

Psalms 32:8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”

We can only know God’s will if we are willing to do it before we know it.

John 7:17 “If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine.”

Realize that true joy comes from keeping His Word

Luke 11:28 “But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Should I and why do I worry so much?

Worry can be once in a while, or a lifetime battle. It can be very hard on our walk of faith, and can stem from problems in our lives that are spiritual (sinning), physical (eating, sleeping, exercise), or emotional (chemical imbalance, stress). Attempting with the Word of God, and those that love us to identify the source of the worry can be helpful. Sometimes, it can be as simple as taking God at His Word, other times it requires more dedication in prayer by ourselves and others, and actions, including professional help.

- Fear

Our Lord knows that we can be fearful. Fear is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible. The phrase “fear not” is mentioned over 60 times. Each of us has our own fears, especially concerning our loved ones. When we fear we desire to get depressed, angry, lash out, or take revenge, or stand up for ourselves. One thing we can do to help us with our fear is to trust in the Lord.

Psalms 56:3 “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.”

Fear does not come from God. God has given us the spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

Trust that God will take care of us.

Matthew 6:25-34 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? “Therefore do not worry, saying,

'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

- Anxiety

Anxiety can sometimes stem from worry about those we love, or of what we did or did not do or say. Let us flee any sin in our lives, and leave it with him (**1 John 1:9**), and realize that God will take care of those we love, and of us. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (**1 Peter 5:7**) Then we can look to the Lord.

Psalms 27:14 "Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!"

Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

Psalms 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"

- Panic Attacks

Panic attacks are different than anxiety in that they are sudden onset, and can occur, even in our sleep, or other times that we are at rest. When they occur it is helpful to identify that it is happening and lean on comforting verses. Such as those below.

1 Timothy 4:10 "we trust in the living God"

Matthew 28:20 "lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

- Why do I sometimes worry about my salvation?

Satan would have us to worry about our salvation for he is the "accuser of the brethren" **Rev. 12:10**

If we confess our sins to the God by praying to Him, and tell Him we believe in Him, we will be saved.

Romans 10:9 "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

- Eternal security.

We can trust our salvation is never lost. When we are saved, not ourselves or any created thing can cause us to lose our salvation.

John 10:27-29 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.”

Romans 8:39 See vs 31-39. “nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- Doubts and questions about God's existence & purpose for our lives.

The first four words in our Bible are “In the beginning God”. Creation shows

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Romans 1:20 “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”

The Lord wants the very best for us.

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

HEAVEN

Is Jesus coming soon?

- Difference between the rapture and the second coming

We are told to wait with anticipation for the rapture

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 “For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”

We are told to watch for the Lord to come with power and glory.

Luke 21:27, 36 see **Luke 21:20-36** “And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

- Does the Bible say when?

Matthew 24:36 “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”

- Biblical proof of the rapture

The rapture is before the tribulation

Revelation 3:10 “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”

He that letteth or restrains is the Holy Spirit that indwells every true believer. When the Christians are called home at the rapture then iniquity during the tribulation will be manifest.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.”

- When do we go to Heaven? Is it as soon as we die or at rapture?

As soon as as the Lord calls us home in death or at the rapture we are with him in heaven

Luke 23:43 “And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

2 Corinthians 5:8 “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”

What are the crowns and rewards given in Heaven?

- Am I going to get any?

1 Peter 5:4 “and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”

2 Timothy 4:8 “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

Revelation 4:4, 10 “Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. ... the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:”

What crown did our Lord have and will have

John 19:5 “Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, “Behold the Man!””

Revelation 19:12 “His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.”

Will I be judged in Heaven or punished?

- The great white throne

Those appearing before the great white throne are those who did not accept God’s free offer of salvation while living here on earth, and who will be going to hell.

Revelation 20:11-15 “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book

of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Philippians 2:9-11 “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

- The judgment seat of Christ

We who have accepted the Lord as Saviour and will spend an eternity in heaven will not be judged, but our works will be judged or burned up before entering God’s holy presence in heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

Will I know anyone in Heaven?

1 Corinthians 13:12 “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.”

Matthew 17:1-4 “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.””

What will we do in Heaven?

- Will it be boring?

Revelation 5:8-14 “Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.” Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures,

and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever."

What is the millennium and what comes after the millennium?

Revelation 20:1-10 "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Luke 1:32-33 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.""

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