

About Heaven



And Hell



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Choice

To summarize the existence of mankind and all history, one might say that what was before Christ was part and parcel, incomplete without the birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Since Christ's crucifixion, the gospel dispensation offers the choice of *rewards or punishments*. A choice must be made to profess one's faith in Christ and to follow and serve Him; or the negative, not to profess faith in Christ, which is a decision to serve Satan. The good will choose eternal happiness while the wicked will choose everlasting torment. **Matthew 25:46** "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

If you sincerely prayed this prayer, your sin debt has been paid and your eternal punishment in hell has been forgiven. "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us," Romans 5:8. And in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him (Jesus) should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13, "As many as received Him (Christ) to them gave he power to become the sons of God," John 1:12.

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Matthew 10:33 “But whosoever shall deny Me before men, I will deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”

If you have never accepted Christ as your savior please realize that Romans 3:23. “All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:10 “It is written, There is none righteous, no not one.”

To avoid eternal punishment in hell, one should realize that, “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this is the judgment,” Hebrews 9:27. The bible says in Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Pray and tell God that you know you are a sinner and that you are sorry for your sins and that you understand what your punishment would be without Christ’s crucifixion and saving grace.

Tell God that you now love Christ and want to be saved from your sins. Tell God you truly will live for Christ and serve him for the rest of your life.

Heaven Now

First it is my sincere hope that all who read this booklet on Heaven and Hell are already in Heaven, as the bible says “He that believeth on the Son **h-a-t-h**, hath eternal life.” The scripture does not say that he shall have eternal life but that he **hath** eternal life. It is in the present tense not past tense. Hopefully every reader is now on the road to Heaven? One woman told the preacher that the way to Heaven was short, easy and simple; comprising only three steps-out of self, into Christ, and into glory. A shorter way is- out of self, into Christ and we are there.

Physical Death

Physical death is the separation of the soul and body. Spiritual death is described as the penalty of the first sin. Men are declared to be “dead through trespasses and sins”. (Ephesians 2: 1) The apostle Paul condenses the teaching with the scripture “The sting of death is sin; but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Physical death is a part of the penalty of sin.

The penalty remains for those that do not share in Christ's salvation.

Spiritual Life

For the Christian, physical death is the beginning of everlasting life with a spiritual body. This state begins when the last breath of our physical life is also the first breath in our spiritual body. God is not the God of the dead but of the living. In 2 Corinthians 5:1 The apostle Paul declares that if the "earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." In Philippians 1 : 23 he says he has a "desire to depart and be with Christ for it is far better."

These scriptures tell us that at death the Christian goes directly into the presence of Christ and God. We are in a state of consciousness. Romans 8: 38 Paul declares that nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ. Our moral and spiritual relationship to Christ is continuous.

A young girl of fifteen was suffering, and was paralyzed on one side, and almost blind.

Following are a few scriptures of statements by Christ!

Matthew 7:19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

Matthew 13:48-50 "and they sat down, and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. "So it will be at the end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and take out the wicked from among the righteous, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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Mark 14:21 woe to the man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

Luke 13:3 "I tell you, no, but, unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

*Then I felt that the future was
present,
And the present would never go by.
For it was but the thought of a future,
Become an eternity.*

*Then I woke from my timely
dreaming,
And the vision passed away.
And I knew the far away warning,
Was a warning of yesterday.*

*And I pray that I may not forget it,
In this land before the grave.
That I may not suffer in the future,
And no one come to save.
I have learned a solemn lesson,
Which I ought to have known before.
And which though I learned it
dreaming,
I hope to forget no more.*

*In a land where time will cease.
And I know of the future judgment,
How dreadful soe'er it be.*

She heard the doctor say to her parents that the poor child has seen her best day.

She replied, “No, Doctor, my best days are yet to come when I shall see the King in all His beauty”

Departed Loved Ones

Usually we think of heaven when we think of departed loved ones. It is by thinking of loved ones that heaven is all the sweeter, knowing that we shall be with them again. This time it will be forever relationship. We wonder if some of our loved ones will be there and they very well may be. You can easily imagine how wonderful it will be to see mother, father and your sisters and brothers forever..

We are anxious to know if we will be able to recognize our friends and loved ones in Heaven. Matthew 8: 11 “And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of Heaven.” These men had not lost their identity; they were known as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

And on the Mount of Transfiguration, 1,500 years after Moses was on the earth Peter, James and John saw Moses and recognized him. We will be known in Heaven by our names, we will be known.

Christ himself has a risen and glorified body and we shall have a body like his. Christ's body was not inhibited by time, distance or matter. Our body again will be like unto His.

All of the children will be there in Heaven because they have never been lost. The scripture says to "take heed that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in Heaven, their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in Heaven.

Heaven is a Place

Heaven is a place. John 14:1-2 "I go to prepare a **place** for you."

With less certainty we may state that the earth itself will be the final home of the redeemed. The scripture points in this direction. Matthew 5:5 The meek "shall

Throughout an eternity.

*The ghosts of forgotten actions,
Came floating before my sight.
And things that I thought had
perished,
Were alive with a terrible might.
And the vision of life's dark record,
Was an awful thing to face.
Alone with my conscience sitting,
In that solemnly silent place.*

*And I thought of a far away warning,
Of suffering that was to be mine.
In a land that then was the future,
But now is the present time.
And I thought of my former thinking,
Of judgment day to be.
But sitting alone with my conscience,
Seemed Judgment enough for me.*

*And I wondered if there was a future,
To this land beyond the grave.
But no one gave me an answer,
And no one came to save.*

Let your soul contemplate the harrow and endless torment of hell forever and ever and evermore. When you've been there 10,000 years you've only just begun, in fire and brimstone you've no fewer days, forever and ever and evermore. Time will be no more

Are you almost persuaded to choose Christ and not spend eternity in hell? Take that first step just now and accept Christ as your savior. Then upon your physical death your soul will immediately take the form of a heavenly body like that of Christ after his resurrection. Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory.

*I sat alone with my conscience,
In a place where time was o'er.
And we talked of my former living,
In the land of the evermore.
And I felt I should have to answer,
The question it put to me,
And to face the answer and question,*

inherit the **earth**". It is thought by some learned theologians that the universe as a whole will be our heritage.

The outward abode of God's children will be perfectly adapted to their perfected characters.

Symbols used in scripture are set forth to further define Heaven. Gold and precious stones to suggest moral values; white robes to suggest purity; leaves for healing; water to symbolize life; pillars in a temple to suggest stability of character; crowns to symbolize victory; light to suggest God's presence; and a city to suggest an ideal social order. Everything which is unclean is excluded.

Personalities in Heaven

Heaven is also endless growth. Paul declares that we know in part, but then we shall know as we are known. Corthians 13:12 He prays that Christians may be "strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth, and to know

the love of Christ which passeth all knowledge.”

Heaven is a relief from all the trying and hard conditions of the earthly life. All sorrow and tears and mourning, all pain and suffering, all darkness and death, have passed away.

Degrees

There are number of scriptures that point out that Heaven is a reward. These rewards are related to our works. All rewards will not be the same as stated in Luke 19:12-27, Matthew 25:14-30 and Matthew 20:1-16.

There are degrees in the rewards of the righteous and in the punishment of the unrighteous. The Judge of all the earth will do what is right in every instance. Let us have no misgivings as to this point. The degree of light men possess; the degree of fidelity to that light; the use of the opportunities and powers with which they are blessed; the circumstances which condition their lives; in a word, every fact which has any bearing upon human guilt and

There are those that want to enjoy the mental and physical pleasures just a little while longer. They will put off just one more time making the decision, then just one more time ad infinitum. They will give many reasons for delaying but they do plan to accept Christ at a more reasonable time.

There are no good reasons to delay even an hour. There is a true story of one man who put off accepting Christ because his friends would laugh at him. He would continue to come to church and obviously he was under conviction but he would never take the first step when the invitation was given. This continued until he was on his death bed and could come to church no longer. His wife asked the preacher to come to their home. He learned upon arriving at the house that the dying husband did not know that he was coming. The man stated that his damnation was sealed and he deserved what he had coming. In a voice growing weaker, and weaker he would utter again and again that “the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and I am not saved.” **Matthew 25:41** “Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.”

Don't put off your repentance until it is too late. He suffered indescribable torture and suffering, giving his life up for your sins. You did not and do not deserve salvation. You cannot earn it.

God is just.

You must not think that since God is love and is merciful that He will save you in spite of your disbelief and your sins. God is a just God. He is just to Christians and He is just to unbelievers. God did not save those that drowned in the flood and let the righteous live to face the deluge. Those wicked Sodomites were not taken into the presence of God from the fire and the righteous left behind. There are no revivals in Hell. All hope is gone forever. God will say "cut them down, the day of mercy has ended. **Luke 13:3 "I tell you, no, but, unless you repent you will all likewise perish."**

responsibility will be considered. Not all the wicked will suffer the same degree of punishment. The doctrine of degrees in rewards and punishments is one of the most clearly revealed in Scripture. In Luke 12: 47-48 we read: "And that servant who knew his Lord's will, and made not ready, nor did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes, but he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few strips. Matthew 11:21-24, Romans 4:15, Romans 2:15 and Romans 2: 12 also addresses various degrees for the righteous and the unrighteous.

These degrees are endless. In Mark 3:29 Jesus declares that the sin "against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness.

It is evident in scripture that a great many careless Christians will get into Heaven. They will know that they are getting in by the skin of their teeth. For these there will be no crown of rejoicing to the degree equal to the rejoicing of those that have yielded fruits from their many years of service.

Losing Heaven

“All my possessions for a moment of time” cried Queen Elizabeth when dying.

“I have provided in the course of my life for everything except death and now, alas! I am to die unprepared” were the last words of Cardinal Borgia.

There will be a great many who will not be there. Some of these are those that say they are going to be in the Kingdom of God even if they are not converted. They say that all of the human race will be there, even the bad and indifferent. They are calling God and Christ and scripture a LIE. They maintain since God is love and God is merciful that God would not destroy, or cause to suffer, those that are in His own image, so everyone will be in Heaven. God is just and his justice will not accept those that have rejected His Son and His son's salvation. God will not accept those who spurned His love and mercy. Do you think for a minute that God is going to take them into his kingdom and let them live forever? God is not the LIE. And His Word is completely true.

will condemn us at the bar of God if we are not a Christian. We will condemn ourselves. Sons, daughters, your memory will bring everything, every sin, every evil thing you ever did in a long procession before the bar of God. For the Christian, all sins are washed away by the blood of Christ. Judas will always remember the kiss that marked out Christ to the soldiers. Herod will never forget ordering the beheading of John the Baptist. You will remember all the sins you ever committed. You will remember malingering the decision for Christ. You will remember the last time you denied Christ, or you can remember accepting Him as Savior this very hour. Heaven and hell are before you now, which will you choose? You still have time; which will you choose? **Matthew 10:33** “**But whosoever shall deny Me before men, I will deny him before My Father who is in heaven.**”

Remember your sins now and be saved. Christ loves you and will wash all your sins away with His blood if you will now confess your sins and ask His forgiveness. Tell Christ of your love for Him and your desire to follow Him.

person have the ability to realize his love for Christ and accept the mansion that is prepared for him in heaven.

The unforgivable sin

The most wicked sin in one's life is the unforgivable sin of not accepting Christ as your savior. Gambling, lying, fornication, murder, raping, stealing are all pale by comparison. You can imagine how much God loves His Son and the agony he felt in offering Him up as recompense for our sins. God sent Him on a mission to be the propitiation for your sins. Christ lived a sinless life, which was necessary if He was to be a suitable substitute for our sinful souls.

The worm that dieth not

Many believe that "the worm that dieth not" is our memory. We forget things now and then, someone's name, where we left or placed something, someone's birthday; but the time comes, at the judgment when we shall remember everything and cannot forget anything. Our own conscience and memory

Universal redemption would be like the governor of a state issuing a pardon to every criminal in the penitentiaries and jails. He would do this because he is merciful and could not bear to have men punished; I do not think that he would be governor for very long. The scripture states: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?" The unrighteous may all inherit the kingdom of God if they would only truthfully profess their faith in Christ.

If the unbeliever would only ask himself "What will it gain a man if he would gain the whole world and lose his own soul". **Matthew 25:46: "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."**

Everyone will repent, but sadly, they will only repent after this life, when they will first see hell and repent when it is too late. It is a good thing to be warned in time.

The Bible

In this life, you cannot choose which scriptures you will believe and which scriptures you will not believe. The Bible is all God's word. If you throw out one scripture you must throw them all out. An unbeliever's feeble reasoning to read meaning into scripture in support of his unwillingness to believe and have faith in Christ only evidences his dedication to worldly pursuits. **Matthew 7:13,14** "Enter by the narrow gate: for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those that find it."

Philippians 3:18-19 "I tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction," There are four hundred and forty scriptures pertaining to hell in the Bible. They are from Genesis to Revelation. There are none that believe Annihilationism, Restorationism, or Universalism who will be in Heaven.

Eternal Happiness

I exhort you to beg God to give you a true faith and the courage to be like Christ all day, every day, all the way to heaven. To contemplate an eternity in heaven would seem sufficient to entice one to believe in Christ. Eternal happiness is so agreeable to the inclinations and desires of mankind, especially when one considers eternal torment, unbearable pain, total darkness, and the lake of fire and brimstone. It is totally stupid to be other than a Christian compared to a short life spent in worldly, sinfull pleasure. **Matthew 22:13** "Then the king said to the servants, 'bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Gaining Salvation

Every person is capable of salvation. There is not a single person alive who is not capable of salvation. Christ died for the rabble and those of the lowest and most depraved human existence. It was God's design and Christ's sacrifice that each