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**LIVING**

**IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY**

**HEAVEN**

PEACE FOR TODAY — HOPE FOR TOMORROW

**Week 13**

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*HEAVEN*

PEACE FOR TODAY  
HOPE FOR TOMORROW

**SCRIPTURE**

- ❖ **COLOSSIANS 3:1-3**
- ❖ **JOHN 3:16-17**
- ❖ **LUKE 15:7-10**
- ❖ **MATTHEWS 28:18-20**

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Why should we care about  
**HEAVEN**  
anyway?

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**HEBREWS 9:27**

“IT IS APPOINTED FOR  
PEOPLE TO DIE ONCE—  
AND AFTER THIS,  
JUDGMENT...”

❖ All of us have a terminal  
disease called mortality

❖ The death rate is 100%

— 3 people die every second

— 180 people every minute

— 11,000 people every hour

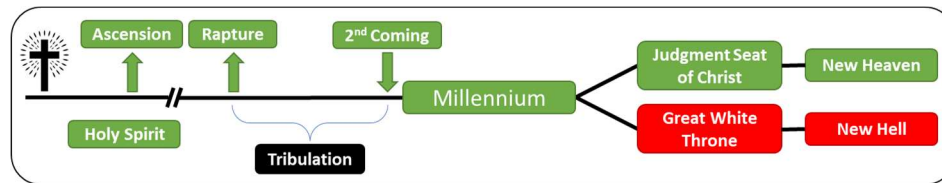
**250,000**  
people every single day!

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# HEAVEN IS NOT OUR DEFAULT DESTINATION



## ROMANS 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

## ROMANS 6:23

For the wages of sin is death.

## ISAIAH 59:2

But your iniquities are separating you from your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not listen.

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Can we do anything to  
**CHANGE**  
our final destination?

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# REROUTING OPTION

## ROMANS 5:8

But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, **CHRIST DIED FOR US.**

**Accepting Christ as our Lord and Savior changes our eternal destination.**

## ROMANS 10:9-10

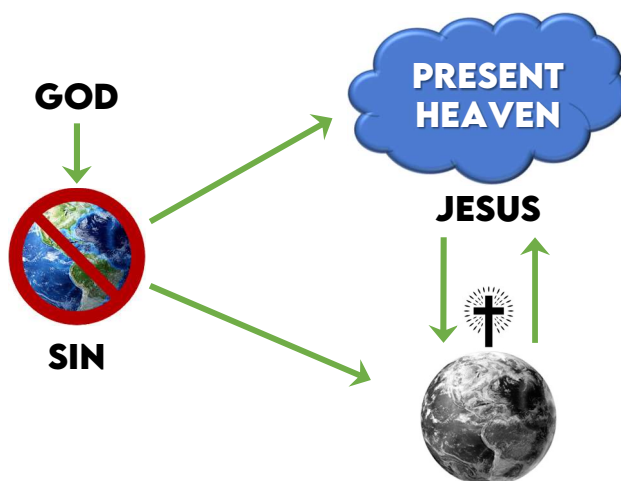
If you **CONFESS** with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **BELIEVE** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.

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# THE PRESENT HEAVEN



**When believers die today, they join God, Jesus, Angels, and Saints in the present heaven.**

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# BELIEVER'S DESTINATION

## JOHN 14:1-3

Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? If I go away and prepare a place for you, **I WILL COME AGAIN AND TAKE YOU TO MYSELF**, so that where I am you may be also.

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Is the present heaven the  
**ETERNAL HOME**  
of all Believers?

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**NO**  
**IT IS MERELY A**  
**LAYOVER!**



The **PRESENT HEAVEN**

is where Believers go to  
wait for Jesus' return to  
the earth!

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## FAR BETTER THAN EARTH

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:8

In fact, we are confident, and **WE WOULD PREFER** to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

### PHILIPPIANS 1:21-23

For me, **TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN**. Now if I live on in the flesh, this means fruitful work for me; and I don't know which one I should choose. I am torn between the two. I long to depart and be with Christ—which **IS FAR BETTER**—but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

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# TEMPORARY STOP

## 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, **GOD WILL BRING WITH HIM THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.**

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What is the ultimate  
**DESTINATION**  
of all Believers?

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# ULTIMATE DESTINATION



## REVELATION 21:1-3

Then I saw a **NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH**; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more... Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, **GOD'S DWELLING IS WITH HUMANITY, AND HE WILL LIVE WITH THEM.** They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God.

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# GLORIFIED LIKE HIM

## 1 JOHN 3:2

Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that **when he appears, we will be like him** because we will see him as he is.

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# RESURRECTED BODIES

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:42-53

EARTHLY BODY	RESURRECTION BODY
Sown perishable	Raised <b>imperishable</b>
Sown in dishonor	Raised in <b>glory</b>
Sown in weakness	Raised in <b>power</b>
Sown a natural body	Raised a <b>spiritual body</b>
Sown mortal	Raised <b>immortal</b>

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# RESURRECTED EARTH

## ISAIAH 11:6-9

Wolf	⇒	Dwell	⇒	Lamb
Leopard	⇒	Lie	⇒	Goat
Calf	⇒	Together	⇒	Lion
Cow	⇒	Graze	⇒	Bear
Infant	⇒	Play	⇒	Cobra

## REVELATION 21:5

Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look, **I am making everything new.**"

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So then, how shall we

# LIVE OUR LIVES

in light of eternity?

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## SEEKING THINGS ABOVE

Set your mind on things  
above, on things that  
matter to God.

So if you have been raised with Christ,  
**seek the things above**, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God. **Set**  
**your minds on things above**, not on  
earthly things. For you died, and your  
life is hidden with Christ in God.

**Colossians 3:1-3**

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What things  
**MATTER MOST**  
 to God in heaven above?

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## GOD'S WISH LIST

JOHN 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup>For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but **TO SAVE THE WORLD** through him.

What was God's objective in sending Jesus?

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What causes

# JOY IN HEAVEN,

and angels to rejoice?

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## JOY IN HEAVEN

### LUKE 15:7

I tell you, in the same way, there will be more **JOY IN HEAVEN** over **one sinner who repents** than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance.

### LUKE 15:10

I tell you, in the same way, there is **JOY IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S ANGELS** over **one sinner who repents.**

What causes joy in Heaven?

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What is our role in bringing

# JOY TO HEAVEN

and rejoicing to angels?

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## MARCHING ORDERS

### MATTHEW 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup>"All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

<sup>19</sup>Go, therefore, and **MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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# HEAVEN

**PEACE FOR TODAY  
HOPE FOR TOMORROW**

Don't wait, make  
sure you RSVP  
for Heaven!

- We'll have eternity to celebrate great victories on the old Earth, but we have only this **brief window of opportunity** now to **win those victories**.
- What will last for eternity? Not your car, house, degrees, trophies, or business.
- Your **relationship** with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will last forever, as will your **relationships** with other believers who follow or precede you into eternity.
- "Store up for yourselves **treasures in Heaven** where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- Have those you treasure most heard the **Good News!**

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