

God originally created THIS Earth  
to be a perfect paradise

for mankind to live & have fellowship  
with GOD - & with each other

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But Sin (& the Devil) - Had other plans

Sin Separated us From God  
& from the Life God created us to have

But - Jesus Christ RECONCILED US to God  
By Providing the ONLY True Victory over SIN

& THRU the Work of Jesus Christ

one day God will completely restore  
ALL of His Creation - to its SINLESS perfection

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At the Fall of Mankind

ALL of creation was subjected to the curse of SIN

& since that dreadful day - in the Garden of Eden  
ALL of Creation has been groaning

Waiting to be Set-Free from the corruption sin brought

**Romans 8:20–21 (NLT)**

***20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope,***

***21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay.***

**& THAT Day - IS Coming**

When **ALL of creation** will **join US** - as **God’s Children**  
***in glorious freedom from death and decay***

**Let’s Pray**

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**Guys - The BEST is YET to come**

It **REALLY, REALLY IS**

**God Ends** the **entire Bible**

**with** Two **MASSIVE CH’s** on **HEAVEN**

**Because The BEST is Yet to come**

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**HEAVEN** is what **KEEPS us**

**Pushing** toward **Tomorrow**

**HEAVEN** is what **KEEPS us**

**“Looking Forward”** to better days

**Because The BEST is Yet to come**

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**As Believers** - we **need** to **ALWAYS** be **looking forward**  
to the **Great things** God **has in store** for us

& the **Greatest** of **ALL those Great Things**  
is **All reserved** for us - **in HEAVEN**

& **that's what** we **begin looking at** today  
as we **start** to **wrap up** the **incredible study** of **Revelation**

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**We're going** to **spend** the **NEXT 5 MSG'S**  
**Talking** about **HEAVEN**

**So today** we're **going** to **do** some **BIG PICTURE TRUTHS**  
& **then** we'll **get into** more **detail** - in **Each Message**

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**These Ch's about Heaven**  
**are the BEST Ch's in REVELATION**

& if you have given your life to Jesus as Savior & Lord  
They will Be the **BEST Ch's** of **YOUR LIFE**

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**Heaven** is the **BEST of everything** you can **imagine in THIS life** -  
**WITHOUT** the SIN

It's the **Absolute BEST**  
of **What God created** this **life** to **be** - - **without Sin**

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& So - We need a More Accurate View of Heaven

Here is a HUGE TRUTH - We need to GRASP

Heaven is going to Radically IMPROVE, & INCREASE  
all that is from God - in this life

CS Lewis says - *We are now in the "Shadowlands" - we're looking into a mirror dimly - We see & experience only a shadow of what God has created for us - And what he has created us to be*

& Heaven is where

ALL that God created US FOR  
& ALL that God created us - TO BE

Will Become a Very REAL - REALITY

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We need to blow out the Incorrect View of Heaven

Of us being a DisEmbodied Spirit Only -  
Floating on a cloud - strumming a harp for eternity

That is NO WHERE in the Bible

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There will NOT be ONE GODLY GOOD THING  
that will be missing there

Including the GODLY BEST  
of your Relationships & Experiences HERE - Without SIN

**SIN - & its Effects**

are **ALL** that **will** be **Missing in Heaven**

**Because SIN brings DEATH**

& **there** will be **NO DEATH** in **HEAVEN**

**There will be ONLY LIFE**

& **that Life** will be - **ETERNALLY ABUNDANT**

You're going to **KNOW**

**The People** you **love** (*who are saved*)

You're going to **LIVE**

**in Relationship** with them - **AND with GOD**

You're going to **BE PRODUCTIVE**

**Doing Things** & **Serving** & **Worshipping the Lord**

**We** are **going to be part**

of Jesus "**Have dominion over**" **ALL of creation**

& **that means** the **entire Universe** of **Creation**

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& **most of all**, we are **going to LIVE**

in the **Continual Presence**

**of** our **loving Eternal Father**

& our **Savior Jesus Christ**

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**It's CRITICAL - we get this RIGHT in our Minds**

**AND it's IMPORTANT - we get EXCITED About it**

**Believers have always looked to the Glory of Heaven**

for **strength & encouragement**

to **"Press On"** Thru this **"Not so Heavenly"** World

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**In fact - Revelation was initially written**

to **encourage believer's**

to **keep** their **eyes set** on **Heaven**

**to survive** the **TRIALS** & **persecution**

they were **experiencing** - in the World

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**Unfortunately** - the **Devil has had** some **REAL success**

**getting** our **eyes OFF of Heaven**

& **getting** them **SET** on **THIS world**

**The devil has convinced us**

**THIS WORLD** is our **Real Life**

& **Heaven** is **just someplace we go**

**when** this **REAL LIFE** is **OVER**

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**Nothing could be further from the truth**

**& nothing could be further  
from what the Bible actually SAYS about Heaven**

The **Apostle Paul gives us GLIMPSE - of just ONE PART  
of what we have to look forward to in Heaven**

**in - Philippians 3:20–21 (NLT)**

***20 But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.***

***21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.***

**THAT is Some GOOD NEWS!!**

**Guys - we need to EXCHANGE our own thoughts**

**For God's ETERNAL TRUTH of What Heaven will be like**

**Heaven is Very REAL !!**

**If you are a follower of Jesus Christ today - It is CRITICAL that you  
have your heart & your mind set**

**On a VERY REAL - Resurrection Life**

**In a VERY REAL - Resurrected Body**

**With a VERY REAL - Resurrected Jesus**

**On a VERY REAL - Resurrected Earth**

A Resurrected Earth that includes

ALL of the things GOD Created  
WITHOUT the effects of the Curse of SIN

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God WANTS You to "Set Your Sights"  
on the Incredible Realities of Heaven

& The Devil wants to KEEP YOU - from doing that

Colossians 3:1–2 (NLT)

*1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.*

*2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.*

set your sights on the realities of heaven  
Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

If the Enemy CAN'T convince you  
that Heaven doesn't exist

Then He wants to at least - ROB you of  
the Excitement - the Passion - & the Drive

that God wants to GIVE You  
THRU the TRUE knowledge of HEAVEN

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**If you have Given your Life to Jesus Christ today  
Then this LIFE - is NOT your REAL LIFE**

**Cont'g in Colossians 3:3-4 (NLT)**

***3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.***

***4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.***

**Your life today**

**is a SHADOW of your REAL LIFE with Christ**

**In your Relationships - in Creation - & With God**

**& one day - when you SHARE in the Glory of Christ**

**You will experience those things  
as God - FULLY Created them to be**

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**Let me recommend a Great Book  
HEAVEN - by Randy Alcorn**

**Please – DON'T watch crazy YouTube videos about Heaven**

**& Don't get sucked in to certain RELIGIONS  
teachings on Heaven – that you CANNOT find in the Bible**

**My encouragement is**

**BUY the book – “HEAVEN” - By Randy Alcorn**

**Then read the Bible vs's as you come to each one**

**& allow it to inspire you to think deeply  
about what the Bible actually says about heaven**

**& THEN - get EXCITED**

**Because - HEAVEN IS REAL !**

**And (as a Believer) - God is SAVING for you  
an Indescribable Eternal Life - With Him - THERE**

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**So (Finally) - let's start the Last TWO Ch's in The Bible**

**which are ALL ABOUT  
the GLORY - & the TRUTH - & the REALITY - of Heaven**

**We start - with the NEW HEAVEN & the NEW EARTH**

**Revelation 21:1 (NLT)**

***1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven  
and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.***

The New Earth - (*which is PART of New Heaven*)  
will **NOT BE** a spirit-only kind of place

It will **be a Tangible, Physical Place - Like we know it now**

With Ground, & Water, & Trees, & Vegetation,  
& Animals, & People, & Natural Wonders - ALL OF IT

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The Greek word used for the New Earth is spelled - “GE”  
from which we get the word GEOLOGY

It speaks of the Physical, Tangible EARTH’S SURFACE

& the word used for - OLD (or FIRST) Earth  
is PROTOS - from which we get - PROTO-TYPE

THIS Earth - that we live on NOW  
is the Proto-Type - of the New Earth

Much like our Bodies  
are the Proto-Type - for our Resurrected Bodies

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We are talking about - a TANGIBLE New EARTH  
For us to TANGIBELY LIVE ON - with each other  
& God will TANGIBLY BE THERE

God is creating a NEW EARTH

That Is MORE REAL than this Current Earth

Because THIS ‘Current Earth’ - Is going to PASS AWAY

But the NEW EARTH - will NEVER pass away

**The TANGIBLE NEW EARTH**

will remain Perfect - Forever

with you LIVING on it - EXPERIENCING LIFE In it  
& SERVING GOD in it

**AS PART of the NEW ETERNAL HEAVEN**

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& this NEW EARTH - Has a Capital City in it

- It is a REAL City
- It is a Perfect CITY
- It is the City of GOD - in its Perfect, Eternal form

**Revelation 21:2 (NLT)**

*2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

**This is a REAL - Incredibly AWESOME - CITY  
(*The New Jerusalem*)**

**BUT** - We are going to look  
at The New Jerusalem - NEXT week

**So (for today) we'll move on**

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**What we know** so far is - **God has made**  
a **NEW Heaven** - a **NEW EARTH** - & **A NEW JERUSALEM**

**Revelation 21:3 (NLT)**

***3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.***

What **makes Heaven** - **Heaven** -  
is that **God DWELLS** with Man **There**

**THAT** is what **Really** - **Makes Heaven** - **HEAVEN!**

**JUST LIKE God 'Lived With' Adam & Eve**  
In the **Garden of Eden**

**God is LIVING WITH US**  
**ON THE New Earth - IN THE New Heaven**

& **we will be** His **people** - **Really, Tangibly, Physically**  
***God himself will be with [us]***

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& we'll talk **MORE** about God **LIVING** with us - as we cont

**But What I want** us to **see today**

is that **HEAVEN IS REAL !!**  
It is **MORE REAL** than **This Earth**

& it has ALL the BENEFITS  
of God - Actually BEING WITH US

**Revelation 21:4 (NLT)**

*4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”*

Our Heavenly Father will personally wipe away every tear  
& Death - will be DONE AWAY WITH

No More Sorrow

No More Crying

No More Pain

these things are GONE FOREVER

All of the Effects of Sin - have Been Removed for Eternity  
By the Work of Jesus Christ

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This New EARTH & New HEAVEN & New JERUSALEM

Will be NEW - in the Best Sort of Way

**Revelation 21:5 (NLT)**

*5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”*

The Lord - On the Throne says  
“Look, I am making everything new!”

**BUT - this Word** translated "**NEW**"

**Does not** necessarily **mean** - **something** we've **never SEEN**

But it **DOES MEAN**

**NEW** as **to** - the **QUALITY** & **NATURE of a thing**

It is **NEW** in **QUALITY** - **NEW** in **NATURE**

Is **NEW AS IN** - "*How it was originally Made to be*"

**God is restoring All** of **Creation**

to its **Originally Created Quality & Purpose**

**With ALL** the **Wonder of God**

& **NONE** of the **Effects of Sin**

& then **God makes it Very clear** to John

*"Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."*

**God doesn't want** us **DUPED** by our **own THINKING**

**God doesn't want** us **DUPED** by the **Influence** of **this World**

**God doesn't want** us **DUPED** by the **Influence** of **the Devil**

**God's Word** is **Trustworthy** & **True**

& you **can take that** - to the **Eternal BANK**

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**Revelation 21:6–7 (NLT)**

***6 And he also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.***

***7 All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.***

On **the cross** Jesus **FINISHED** the **Work** of **our Salvation**

Here **He is saying** - The **New EARTH** & **New HEAVENS**  
are **FINSHED** **being created**

He has **returned all of Creation**  
**back** to its **original sinless state**

the **only difference** now  
is that **WE** get to **be PART** of it

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**& Jesus Christ WILL GIVE FREELY**

This **WATER** of **ETERNAL LIFE**  
To **ALL** who **THIRST For it**

& **we** who **are VICTORIOUS** in **Jesus Christ**

**Will INHERIT -ALL these Blessings**  
As **Sons** & **Daughters** of **GOD**

**& it will be the most Thrilling - Fulfilling - Mind-Blowing**  
**Eternal Life** that you **could ever imagine**



**But then -we have an ABRUPT Reminder - to all Unbelievers**

**Revelation 21:8 (NLT)**

***8 “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”***

**This is a list of those whose lives**

**are Characterized by these Sins**

**WITHOUT the cleansing forgiveness of Christ**

**This is a Graphic list of all UNBELIEVERS**

**There are NO TRUE Believers here**

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**BUT - Eph Ch 2 says**

**WE TOO were once DEAD in our Sins**

**Separated from God’s Presence in HEAVEN**

**But God made a way – Thru FAITH in Jesus Christ**

**For us to be Forgiven, Justified,**

**& Raised to New Life - - New ETERNAL Life**

**Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)**

**8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.**

Your **Eternal Entrance** to **HEAVEN**

Is **ALL by God's Grace**

**BUT** you **RECEIVE it** - By **Putting your Full Faith**  
in **Jesus Christ** as your **SAVIOR & LORD**

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**To BE THERE** (in Heaven)

You **MUST begin** the **Adventure HERE** (on this Earth)

**TURN** from **your sin** - **Put** your **Full Faith & Trust**  
in **Jesus Christ** - as your **Savior & Lord**

& **begin** this **Incredible** - **Eternal - Heavenly Adventure**  
**with God** - **TODAY**

**Let's Pray**