

Last week - We started studying the subject of HEAVEN

& the Subject of Heaven should Absolutely CAPTIVATE  
the Heart of EVERY Christ-Follower

AND the Subject of Heaven should be  
thoroughly & honestly considered - By EVERY Non-Believer

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In our First Msg on Heaven - I did my best  
to get us thinking - about just ONE TRUTH

HEAVEN, IS REAL - IT IS VERY REAL!!

& in that Msg - We talked A LOT about  
Summary Truths - & General Statements about HEAVEN

& I did that - to try to get us to ADJUST  
some of our Assumptions

& possibly - our MIS-conceptions - About HEAVEN

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So TODAY - I want to Start - BACKING UP & CLARIFYING  
some of the Truths we introduced last week

& YES - we ARE still studying Revelation Ch's 21 & 22

& my desire is for us  
to leave these last two Ch's of the Bible

Excited - & Passionate - About the REALITY of HEAVEN !!

Let's Pray

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As I Said last wk - the book that challenged ME  
about HOW WE - "See HEAVEN"

is called - HEAVEN, By Randy Alcorn

It's a Great Book - You should Read it

Let's start (again) in 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 . . .*

I want to Talk More today - about the NEW EARTH  
Which is an INTEGRAL PART of the Eternal Heaven

Because maybe you've never Really Considered

How REAL - How TANGIBLE, & How INCREDIBLE  
the New Earth is going to be

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We talked last week  
about our Possible Misconceptions

That Heaven is some kind of Ethereal, Disembodied,  
Spirit-Only, “*out there somewhere*” - *Kind Of Place*

**BUT - that is NOT TRUE**  
& it **Certainly is NOT** in the **Bible**

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**The Bible** describes a **type of TRANSITION**  
From **THIS Earth** - to the **NEW Earth**

& that **NEW EARTH**  
is VITAL **PART** of the **New Eternal Heaven**

That **Transition** is a **Time** called - **THE MILLENNIUM**

**Which** is a **1,000 yr Period**

**When Believers** - **in Glorified Bodies**  
will **reign on THIS EARTH** with **Jesus Christ**

We **discussed** that in **detail**  
in our **‘Revelation Message’** called - **The Millennium**

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**BUT THEN** - The **Bible says** -  
At the **END of the Millennium**

**This PRESENT EARTH will Pass Away  
to make room for the NEW EARTH**

**Let's Turn over to 2 Peter Ch 3**

**& I'd encourage you to Read ALL of 2 Pet 3**

**But - let me give you some highlights here**

**2 Peter 3:7 (NLT)**

***7 And by the same word (of the Lord), the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment . . .***

The "**Presents Heavens**" is **referring** to **our Atmosphere**  
(& **maybe** our **Stellar space**)

**But it is NOT REFERRING TO**

**God's dwelling place** (the 3rd heaven)

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**Then - 2 Peter 3:10 says (NLT)**

***10 . . . Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.***

**2 Peter 3:12-13 (NLT)**

***12 . . . On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames.***

***13 But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.***

Guys - there is a NEW Earth, & NEW Heavens  
Coming for us to live in - for Eternity

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in The Gospels - Jesus says - This Earth will PASS AWAY

& We find references to God creating a New Earth  
Thru-out the Bible

Incl'd'g THREE Key Prophecies in ISAIAH

Which is exactly what Revelation 21 & 22 are Describing

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But somehow - We Might Not think the New Earth will be  
AS Real - or - AS Tangible - as This Earth

But - The Bible talks about

A Real New Earth - WITH the things of THIS EARTH  
that ARE Truly Godly

& those things WILL Remain on the New Earth  
In their 'Glorified Form'

The Bible describes the NEW Earth

with terms that are SIMILAR to  
Life on THIS Earth - ONLY GLORIFIED, & WITHOUT SIN

**All that is SINFUL**

will be **DESTROYED** by **FIRE**

**& All that is GODLY**

Will be **GLORIFIED** & returned to its SINLESS State

Just as **2Cor 5:17** says about **US** - when we're saved

***“Old things have passed away,  
behold all things have become new”***

**Here's how Randy Alcorn Summarizes it**

***“The earth's death will be no more final than our own. The destruction of the old Earth in God's Purifying judgment will immediately be followed by its resurrection to new life. Earth's fiery “end” will open straight into a glorious new beginning.”***

So - **When** we **think** about **HEAVEN**

We **have** to **see** a **REAL- New Earth**

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**OK - NEXT - Let's talk about Our REAL - New Bodies**

**Because** one of the **greatest misconceptions** about **heaven**

is **that** we **won't** have **Real - Tangible - Actual - BODIES**

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**TURN OVER TO 1 COR 15**

**1 Corinthians 15** is called "**The Resurrection Chapter**"

It is a **Massive** & **Incredible Chapter**

**But** (again) I **can't give** this **great Chapter**  
its '**Rightful Focus**' in **this Message**

**So** - If **you** would **like** to **Really DIG IN**  
To our **Resurrection Bodies**

I **would encourage** you  
to go to **WordByMail.com** (or the **WBM APP**)

**Type** in the **search** bar "**Our Own Resurrection**"  
& **watch** or **listen** to the entire **teaching** there

**Or** you **can** search **GotQuestions.Org**  
for "**Our Resurrection body**"

**So** - **1 Corinthians Ch 15** - **begins**

by **talking about** the **Real**  
**Bodily Resurrection** of **Jesus**

**& then - in 1 Corinthians 15:20 (NLT)**

***20 . . . Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.***

**& 1 Corinthians 15:23 says (NLT)**

***23 . . . Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.***

**The Word the NLT translates as**  
**“FIRST of the Harvest”**

**MEANS: *Jesus is the first of more who will be like him***

**NOT like Him in His DEITY -**  
But **like Him** in His **RESURRECTION**

**R.A. Torry - Great Scholar:**

***“We will not be disembodied spirits in the world to come, but redeemed spirits, in redeemed bodies, in a redeemed universe.”***

**We will be redeemed spirits, in redeemed bodies,**  
**in a redeemed universe**

So - we **WON'T** have **THIS Body**  
But we **WILL** have a **REDEEMED Body**

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**& then - look down at 1 Corinthians 15:35 (NLT)**

***35 But someone may ask, “How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?”***

**“BODIES” = GRK Word - SOMA**

The word means - **The Material Composition of an Entity**

We **could** say

***“what type of material composition will we have?”***



**God** doesn't **describe** *the material composition*  
our **Heavenly Bodies** in **detail**

**But** he **DOES** give us **Pictures** of them  
**thru-out** the **Bible**

**With** the **Jesus' Resurrection body**  
**being** our **best example**

**Along** with **Moses** and **Elijah**  
**at** the **Transfiguration** with **Jesus**

**When** the Bible **Says**  
**We** will **have** a **Heavenly (spiritual) BODY**

it **IS HEAVENLY (SPIRITUAL)** - - - **But** it is **STILL A BODY**  
**LIKE Jesus'** Resurrected **Body**

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**Look down at - 1 Corinthians 15:53 (NLT)**

**53 For our *dying bodies* must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.**

It's **NOT** that we will **STOP** having **BODIES**

**It's that** these **Mortal BODIES** will be **Transformed** into  
**IMMORTAL** Bodies . . . **but Still - BODIES**

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**& Back Up at - 1 Corinthians 15:49 (ESV)**

**49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.**

**We KNOW - what Jesus' Resurrection Body - Looked like**

**Because He walked the earth  
for 40 days AFTER His Resurrection**

**& the Bible is REALLY CLEAR about  
WHAT Jesus' Resurrection Body was Like**

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**Now, we can't say THAT is Exactly How Jesus' body remained  
After he ascended to Heaven**

**But it SHOULD give us a Good PICTURE - of How  
OUR Resurrected Bodies may Work on the New Earth**

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**So - First of all - The EMPTY Tomb is the Ultimate Proof  
that Christ's Resurrected Body was the SAME Body He Died in**

**If Resurrection didn't mean a REAL BODY  
Then His Body could have remained in the Tomb**

**But His Body DID NOT Remain in the Tomb**

**& for 40 days those that KNEW HIM  
Ultimately RECOGNIZED Him**

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## LET'S TURN OVER TO LUKE 24

IN LUKE 24 - Jesus initially HID His identity

To the Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

But WHILE He TALKED & ATE & FELLOWSHIPED with them  
He allowed their eyes to be opened

The Key Point today being that Jesus

TALKED & ATE & FELLOWSHIPED with them

*IN His Resurrected body*

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Then - when those 2 Disciples found the 11

AS they were telling them the story

Luke 24:36 says suddenly Jesus was Standing There

& we read in Luke 24:37–43 (NLT)

*37 But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! 38 “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? 39 Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.” 40 As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he ate it as they watched.*

**Remember - Jesus is the First-Fruits of OUR Resurrection  
& WE will bear HIS Image**

**Which is so incredible - When we LOOK at**

**HOW Jesus Interacted with others on Earth  
after HIS Resurrection**

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There's **also** that **great meeting**  
between **Jesus** & **Doubting Thomas** - in **Jn Ch 20**

**Where Jesus HAS Thomas -  
TOUCH the MARKS of Crucifixion on his Body**

& Then in **Jn Ch 21** Jesus **Again interacts** with His **Disciples**  
**This time** on the **Sea of Galilee**

The **Disciples** had **gone Fishing** (Following Peter)

**Jesus hollers** at **them** from the **Shore**  
& **John realizes** it's **Jesus**

& **Peter jumps** over board & **swims to shore**

& **when they all get there**

**Jesus** is making a **Real Fire**  
& **cooking** a **REAL Fish Breakfast**

& after breakfast Jesus takes Peter aside  
for a little Heart-To-Heart

& Jesus RESTORES Peter  
after Peter's Awful Denial- that he even Knew Jesus

It's REAL Jesus  
& REAL Friends  
& REAL Food  
& REAL Relationships  
& REAL Fellowship

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& when Jesus said to His Friends at the Last Supper

in Matthew 26:29 (ESV)

*29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

There's NO Indication Jesus is talking about ANYTHING OTHER  
than the Actual Cup - Actual Disciples - Actual New Kingdom

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There is CONTINUITY  
between this Life & Heaven

God desires for us - to Live in HARMONY  
with GOD & with OTHERS - Now

& in Heaven we will Live in PERFECT (Sinless) HARMONY  
with GOD & with OTHERS

**God desires for us - to Experience**  
the **GLORY** of **God's Creation** - **Now**

& **in Heaven** - we will **Experience** the **PERFECT GLORY**  
of **ALL** of **God's Creation** - **For Eternity**

**Because** this **is the Way** - **God CREATED us to LIVE**

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& **it is** the **REAL New Earth**,  
**and** our **REAL New Bodies** - that **will allow us**

to **live** in **Perfect HARMONY**  
with **God** - & **Others** - **For Eternity**

& **Experience** the **GLORY**  
of **ALL of God's Creation** - **For Eternity**

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The **New Earth**  
is ALL of **The BEST** we **can imagine** on **This Earth**

**Amplified**, & **Glorified**, & **Perfected**,  
& **Without ANY Effects Of SIN**

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**Max Lucado** says

***The Book of Revelation could be entitled the Book of  
Homecoming, for in it we are given a picture of our heavenly  
home***

& That PICTURE - of our Heavenly Home -  
Is Primarily in these last 2 Chapters

& John begins to DESCRIBE it Here in

### Revelation 21:1–5 (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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.”*

*5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” . . . [REPEAT}*

The Lord will RESTORE - His Creation - And Us

To what he originally intended it ALL to be

With a REAL New Earth - & REAL New Bodies

& REAL Relationships of Perfect Harmony

With those you Love

Who have Also Put THEIR Faith in Christ

to be there with you

Let’s Pray