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#### The Basics: What we believe about the big stuff

- 1. God: Does He exist?
- 2. Origin: Where did we come from?
- 3. Identity: Who am I?
- 4. Meaning: Why am I here?
- 5. Morality: What is truth?
- 6. Destiny: What happens when I die?

<u>Everyone</u> "lives by faith" when it comes to their belief about the afterlife.

# Do humans have a spiritual (eternal) nature? Do heaven and hell really exist? Who goes to heaven (and hell)? What is heaven like?

#### Do people have a spiritual (eternal) nature?

- Genesis 1:27
- Psalm 23:6
- Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Matthew 25:46
- John 3:16

- John 5:24
- John 6:40
- John 10:28
- 1 John 2:25

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#### Does heaven really exist?

- Luke 23:42-43
- John 14:2-4
- Revelation 21-22

#### Three views on hell

Traditional: hell is eternal and conscious punishment (literal or spiritual)

Annihilationism: hell is a temporary and conscious punishment; then a person ceases to exist. Universalism: if there is a hell, it is temporary; eventually all will go to heaven. (The wicked) will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

#### Matthew 25:46 (ESV)

Who goes to heaven?

- 1 Timothy 2:4
- John 3:16
- John 5:24
- Romans 10:9-10, 13

### Who goes to hell?

- John 14:6
- Acts 4:12
- Psalm 145:17
- Genesis 18:25

#### What will we do for eternity?

We will worship God forever, enjoying perfect relationship with Him and all the saints.

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