

“Heaven, It May Not Be What You Think”

Rev. 21:1–4

The question: How can both statements be _____? How can we be _____ Jesus the moment we _____, and yet still need to be _____ from the dead when Jesus _____? (2 Cor. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:52)

The answer: When you die, your _____ (your _____ nature) goes to be with Jesus, while your _____ (your _____ nature) is buried and later raised when Jesus returns.

Fact #1: “The _____ Heaven is a _____ lodging, a waiting place until the _____ of Christ and our bodily resurrection.” (Alcorn, p. 44; Mk. 16:19)

Fact #2: “The _____ Heaven, the New Earth, is our true home, the place where we will live _____ with our Lord and each other.” (Alcorn, p. 44; Isa. 65:17a; 66:22a; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1)

Fact #3: Just like _____ get resurrected, so does the _____. (Rom. 8:18–21; 2 Pet. 3:10)

Fact #4: “Rather than our going up to live in _____ home forever, God will come down to live in _____ home forever.” (Alcorn, p. 45; Jn. 14:23; Rev. 21:1–5, 10, 11; 22:1–5)

Discussion Questions

1. Who is the first person you want to see when you get to Heaven? Who is the last person you want to see?
2. Review the sermon outline and share your thoughts about each of the four facts given.
3. Which of the four facts about Heaven shared in this sermon surprised you the most? Explain.
4. Read Rom. 8:18. Explain how and why Paul’s view of Heaven affects his view of his life on earth. Share how your view of Heaven affects your view of life on earth.
5. Read Rom. 8:19–21. Explain how and why the earth is connected to the resurrection of the human race. How does knowing about the future of the earth change one’s understanding of the popular phrase “save the earth”?
6. Read Gen. 2:4–9; 3:17–19. Point out as many connections between mankind and the dirt of the earth that you see here. What do you think is the significance of all these connections?
7. Read 2 Pet. 3:10. How does knowing that the Greek word translated “destroy” can also be translated as “loose, release, or set free” effect the understanding of this passage? Now read 1 Cor. 3:12–14. How is the fire in 1 Cor. 3 being used in a similar way as in 2 Pet. 3?
8. What can/will you do differently as a result of this sermon?



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