

Sorrow is better than laughter, it may sadden your face, but it sharpens your understanding . . . A wise person thinks about death.

**Ecclesiastes 7:3-4b GNT**

God looks down from heaven at people to see if there are any who are wise, any who worship him.

**Psalms 53:2 GNT**

## 3 Reality Checks

### Check #1: The reality of Hell.

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

**2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 NIV**

The Lord . . . is patient with you, because he does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins.

**2 Peter 3:9 GNT**

### Check #2: The reality of Heaven.

"(God) will dwell with them. . . He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

**Revelation 21:3b-4 NIV**

You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**Psalms 16:11b NIV**

### Check #3: The reality of now.

This Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven—makes us right in God's sight—when we put our faith and trust in Christ to save us.

**Romans 1:17a TLB**

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.

**Colossians 3:1 NLT**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**Proverbs 9:10a NIV**

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