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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE, PART 3: WELCOME TO HEAVEN

So if you're going to live forever, what's it like? This week, we'll look at the biblical descriptions of heaven, what role Jesus plays, what role your deeds play (they do play a role, just not the one most people think), and we'll answer some top questions on heaven.

BIG IDEA: You go to heaven based on what Jesus did for you. Your reward in heaven is based on what you do with His gift.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the questions Carlo reviewed in the message (Pets in heaven? Purgatory? What is heaven like?). What surprised you? What confirmed what you already suspected or knew?
2. Many people think your good deeds get you into heaven. Why is that not an accurate understanding of Christianity?
3. Read Romans 3:23-26;6:23. In what ways do these verses make it clear that Jesus' sacrifice is
4. what opens up our path into heaven?
5. If we gain right standing with God because of what Jesus accomplished on the cross, then the question becomes: what role do our deeds here on earth play? How do 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 and 1 Corinthians 4:5 appear to answer that?
6. Read Luke 19:11-26. What shocks you the most in this parable? Why? How does this parable shape what we should be doing on this side of heaven?
7. Read Revelation 22:1-6. What are you most looking forward to in heaven? Why?

Moving Forward

Look more closely into the good things in heaven (the relationships, the environment, the beauty), and use those insights to motivate you to live a life characterized by the things that honor and please God and serve others. After all, while Jesus gets you into heaven, your deeds appear to impact your experience of heaven.

Changing Your Mind

“Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials— gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward.” 1 Corinthians 3:12-14 NLT

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