

# The Book of 1 Peter (14)

## The Believer's Eternal Hope (1:3-2:10)

Parenthesis: What and Where is Heaven?

1. The Need for a Study of Heaven
  - A. Confusion on Heaven
  - B. Our Hope in Heaven
  - C. Heaven and Our Inheritance in 1 Peter
  - D. Our Inheritance (Finished/Unfinished Business)
  - E. Our Inheritance Confused
  - F. The Origins of a Spiritualized View of Heaven
    - 1) Summary of Platonic Thought, Hinduism, and Buddhism
      - a. Platonic Thought
      - b. Hinduism
      - c. Buddhism
      - d. Commonalities
        - disconnect between the physical and the spiritual between the material and the immaterial
        - the physical being unimportant and the spiritual being important
        - one does not escape with a body, but escapes from the body, never to be physical again
        - the soul unites with the universal consciousness of some sort and spends its days gaining an ever increasing awareness or knowledge of true reality or the divine
    - 2) Early Church Adoption: Movements (Gnosticism)
    - 3) Early Church Adoption: Individuals
      - a. In General
      - b. In Augustine
    - 4) During the Reformation
      - a. Calvin
      - b. Luther
    - 5) During the Afterglow of the Reformation