

Peeking Behind the Curtain
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God has placed eternity in our hearts. Ecclesiastes 3:11

*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. **2** Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, **3** because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. **4** For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. **6** Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. **7** For we live by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*
2 Corinthians 5:1-10

The Bible speaks of three heavens...

First heaven – the breathable atmosphere (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Second heaven – planetary heavens (Genesis 1:14-17)

Third heaven – where God dwells (2 Corinthians 12:2-4)

*I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows-such a man was caught up to the third heaven. **3** And I know how such a man-whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows-**4** was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak." II Corinthians 12:2-4*

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3

Where is heaven located?

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-all things have been created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16

Heaven is "up"

He lifted His eyes to heaven...Mark 6:41

Heaven today is not the final heaven.

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...Revelation 21:1...

We groan in this tent, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven that awaits us. 2 Corinthians 5:2

Our present experiences "are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14:6

