

**SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE 03/06/16**  
**SERIES: 1000 YEARS FROM NOW**  
**WEEK #3 –THE FOREVER WE'RE MADE FOR**

## 1. HEAVEN IS REAL

***John 6:38 (ESV)** For I have come down from **heaven**, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.*

***Matthew 6:9-10 (ESV)** Pray then like this: “Our Father in **heaven**, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in **heaven**.”*

***Matthew 6:20 (ESV)** 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in **heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

**Heaven is the place where God most fully makes known his presence to bless.**  
- Wayne Grudem

***Philippians 1:21-23 (ESV)** 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, **for that is far better**.*

***1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV)** 9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—*

***Luke 23:43 (ESV)** 43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, **today** you will be with me in Paradise.”*

***2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)** 8 Yes, we are of **good courage**, and we would **rather** be **away** from the body and at **home** with the **Lord**.*

## 2. THERE WILL BE A RESURRECTION

***1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (ESV)** 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

***1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (ESV)** Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised **imperishable**, and we shall be **changed**. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*

***1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (ESV)** 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*

**"In what sense will our bodies be transformed? Paul tells us in verse 42-44. He says that our current bodies are weak, perishable, unglorified, and natural. But in the resurrection state they will be powerful, imperishable, glorious, and spiritual.**

**Our bodies will be powerful--they will not be subject to stress or fatigue or weakness. Our bodies will be imperishable--they will not get sick, die, age, or become injured. Our bodies will be spiritual--they will be fully oriented to and filled with the Holy Spirit." Matt Perman – Christian Author**

*1 Corinthians 15:49 (ESV) Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.*

### **3. THERE WILL BE A NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH**

*2 Peter 3:13 (ESV) 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for **new** heavens and a **new** earth in which righteousness dwells.*

***Revelation 21:1-3 (ESV) 1 Then I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."***

*1 Corinthians 15:55 (ESV) 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"*

*1 Peter 1:13 (ESV) ... set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

***Revelation 22:20 (ESV) He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*****