

V. HEAVEN IS GOD

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.” Matthew 6:9

“22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.” Revelation 21:22-23

VI. HEAVEN IS FOREVER

“13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” James 4:13-14

“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.” Revelation 22:5

“11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

I John 5:11-13

WHEN YOU DIE WHICH DOOR WILL YOU ENTER?

“9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:9-10

WELCOME HOME Destination...Heaven

What Is Heaven? Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

A. It seems nowadays everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to go now. Your destination...heaven lies ahead.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”

Psalm 23:6

B. In this series, I will answer the most asked questions on heaven. During this series, these questions will be answered:

The Destination

February 1	What is heaven?
February 8	How do we get to heaven?
February 15	Does heaven immediately follow death?
February 22	How do we prepare now for heaven?
March 1	What will heaven be like?

The Arrival

March 8	What will we do in heaven?
March 15	Can people in heaven observe life on earth?
March 22	What will our relationships be in heaven?
March 29	Will animals be in heaven?
April 5	What will our bodies be like in heaven?

Embark on an incredible journey with a biblical itinerary.

“9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

I Corinthians 2:9-10

C. TEXT: Colossians 3:2 (Pew Bible/Page 206/New Testament)

The goal of these messages is to motivate you to fully obey this command.

WHAT IS HEAVEN?

The word “heaven” is used **582** times in the Bible.

It is used in **three** different ways in the Bible:

- The **first** heaven – home of the birds and the clouds.
*“11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.
12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.”*
Genesis 7:11-12
- The **second** heaven – home of the sun, moon and stars.
“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”
Psalm 19:1
- The **third** heaven – home of God and believers.
“I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.”
II Corinthians 12:2

Biblical Definition:

Heaven is a perfect home where all believers will live with God forever.

I. HEAVEN IS **PERFECT**

- “22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”*
Romans 8:22-23
- “3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”*
Revelation 21:3-4

II. HEAVEN IS **HOME**

“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;”

I Peter 2:11

“1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

John 14:1-3

III. HEAVEN IS **BELIEVERS**

“And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:”

Revelation 19:1

“And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”

Genesis 15:6

See Acts 16:25-34

IV. HEAVEN IS **LIFE**

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

John 5:24

*“1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:”

Revelation 22:1-3