

PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 15:1-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU WHEN YOU DIE? – PART 3

DISCOVERING THE NATURE OF GOD IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Death, Eternity, Resurrection, Hell, Heaven, God

Introduction to the Text: 1st Corinthians 15:1-11

The Question of Life after Death and The Existence of God

And What is Our Purpose for Living – are all questions that are universal to the heart of man.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, **:2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **:3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **:4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, **:5** and that He was **seen** by Cephas, **then** by the twelve. **:6 After that** He was **seen** by over five hundred brethren **at once**, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have (*died*) fallen asleep. **:7 After** that He was **seen** by James, **then** by all the apostles. **:8 Then** last of all He was **seen** by me also, as by one born out of **due time**. **:9** For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **:10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. **:11** Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1 Corinthians 15:5-8

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They Were Eyewitness Accounts of God Claims.
And so are we...

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **:2** has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

The Bible is God's Revelation to Mankind - about Himself and His Redemption of His Creation and His creation is His crowning glory - man. So unique and so valued are you, that the Bible boldly declares that...

John 3:16-17

For God so loved (you) the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever (that would be you) believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **:17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn (you) the world, but that the (you) world through Him might be saved.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Jeremiah 31:3

"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

All of this is great news – it's the best news possible–
and we like good news. But good news demands an action. Information, education, revelation brings demands upon those who now know.

The Bible, unlike any other book in existence, boldly, accurately and without apology, tells the future in advance. That's called prophecy and that discipline is called eschatology or the study of future things from a Biblical perspective – its really fun and exciting!!!

Now the word “Eschatology” sounds scary:

like **Es-scare-tology** but it doesn't have to be. Knowing the future was never intended by God to scare us but to prepare us for heaven.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU WHEN YOU DIE?

3.) Arguments from beyond God's heaven

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU WHEN YOU DIE?

Argument # 3 - From Beyond Heaven

1.) From beyond heaven – Is where God's Christ is

**The Bible is Clear on The Question of Man's salvation
and Who is the Savior of Mankind**

**In Heaven, Jesus Christ is the Centerpiece of All Worship.
((FACE TO FACE WORSHIP – VISIBLY SEEING HIM))**

Matthew 2:2

The ancient Magi of the East came saying, “*Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.*”

Philippians 2:8-11

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. :9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Romans 10:13

For “*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*”

Philippians 1:23

For I am **hard-pressed** between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is far better.*

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain,

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2.) From beyond heaven – Is where God’s abundance is

**This Fallen-Creation Still Has Enough Hints About It
That Reveal To Us God’s Greatness**

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

It’s No Wonder Paul Said What He Said – “*Nothing About It*”

2 Corinthians 12:4

how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

And Once in Heaven – We will Take on the Reflection of His Person.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU WHEN YOU DIE? Argument # 3 - From Beyond Heaven

3.) From beyond heaven – Is where God's best is

Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. :9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; :10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, **whose builder and maker is God.**

2 Corinthians 5:1-2

For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. :2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

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4.) From beyond heaven – Is where God's desire is

Matthew 6:9

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. :10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Heaven Will Be Occupied by The Redeemed (*the different*)

Revelation 21:4-8

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." :5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." :6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. :7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. :8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 21:27

But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

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5.) From beyond heaven – Is where God's gifts are

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His **abundant mercy** has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **:4** to an **inheritance** incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

2 Timothy 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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6.) From beyond heaven – Is where God's rewards are

Matthew 25:29

"For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

Capital One Bank has That Commercial;

"What's In Your Wallet?"

"are you earning double points toward your next trip?"

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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Argument # 3 - From Beyond Heaven

7.) From beyond heaven – Is where God is praised

Revelation 19:1

After these things I heard a **loud voice** of a **great multitude** in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God!

Revelation 7:9-11

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **:10** and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **:11** All the angels stood around the throne

Revelation 4:8-9

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" **:9** Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

Heaven is the place where worship and praise will be
to us then - like breathing is to us now.

Notice what we will remember in heaven:

Revelation 5:9

You have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation...

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Argument # 3 - From Beyond Heaven

8.) From beyond heaven – Is where God's glory is

What comes to mind when you think of the word "Glory"?

>>>>>>> not much right? <<<<<<<<

Have you noticed that

You have never used the word “Glory” to describe something common?

You’ve never used the word “Glory” to describe a **person**?

You’ve never used the word “Glory” to describe a **car**?

You’ve never used the word “Glory” to describe a **house**?

But have you noticed that you’ve

used the word “Glory” to describe a sunset?

used the word “Glory” to describe the Grand Canyon?

used the word “Glory” to describe a starry night?

Psalms 19:1

The heavens **declare** the glory of God; And the firmament **shows** His handiwork.

declare **ççaphar**, *saw-far´*; to score with a marker as to tally or record, to inscribe, enumerate; celebrate. To write a thing down for posterity.

shows **kabowd**, *kaw-bode´*; rarely **d0b;Dk kabod**, *kaw-bode´*; shows the weight of or the splendor of.

Romans 8:16-18

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, :17 and if children, then **heirs - heirs** of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. :18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with **the glory** which shall be revealed in us.

Revelation 21:6

And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 21:23

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

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9.) From beyond heaven – Is where God’s joy is

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand are **pleasures** (*fulfilling and joyful realities*) forevermore.

Revelation 21:4

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, **for the former things have passed away.**”

Matthew 25:21c

...Enter into the joy of your lord.’

Any One Of You Can Be Rescued Out Of Sins Grip Today.

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Argument # 3 - From Beyond Heaven**

10.) From beyond heaven – Is where God’s reality is

*Heaven is God’s Dwelling – That’s Obvious.
But we don’t often see our reality in light of His.
Heaven is Where Your personal reality will be realized.
(who you really are in Christ Jesus)*

Matthew 17:1-4

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; :2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. :3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. :4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, **it is good for us to be here**; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

**“It is good for us to be here.” / “It is good for you to be here.” /
“It is good for you to be there.”**

*We get so caught up thinking that this life here on earth is all there is or
is the greatest part of all that is - - not true!
True Reality is Abiding or Continuing Reality - - What Lasts.*

His reality is our identity.

Because His reality BECOMES our identity.

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. :2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. :3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. :4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, **then you also will appear with Him in glory.**

*Is the Purpose for You Living Your Life
being lived out with heaven in mind?*

Are you constantly aware of your end in sight?

Do you make decisions based on the eternal outcome?

Isaiah 45:22

“Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

It doesn't cost anything to look. Any man can look.

Looking is what comes natural to us – any child can look. Why over think it or argue over it? – Look to Him and be saved.

End of Study

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