

Destination Heaven!



The Webster's Dictionary definition of *Eternity* is: infinite duration. Man is made up of three parts consisting of spirit, soul (mind, will, emotions), and body. The Bible, and scientific studies into an afterlife, reveal that the human spirit and soul survive death and live on forever.

The Word of God also talks about a future *resurrection* when Jesus Christ will return to earth to give His followers a new immortal body like the one He received when He was raised from the dead. (See Revelation 1:18)

This Good Shepherd, the Son of God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, will gather His flock to live in the expansive New Jerusalem heavenly city* He has prepared for them. There will be no more death, disease, pain, war, poverty, or shame.

The Bible tells us: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying,

“Look, God’s home is now among His people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

And the One sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then He said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”

And He also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.

All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be My children.

“But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”
– Revelation 21:1-8

Believing what God is telling us, our greatest emphasis should be placed on

the greatest portion of our existence — where we will spend our eternity. For you, will it be *with* or *without* God — in Heaven, or in Hell.

In addition, modern day prophets are warning that hard times will co-exist with the greatest endtime revival ever! As an Evangelist, I have told audiences. “Good and bad days are ahead. Whether it is good or bad for you, as an individual, will depend on who’s team you are on. To be assured of the best outcome, one must elect Jesus Christ to be the Lord and Master of his or her life. The Lord showed David Wilkerson, the founder of Teen Challenge drug abuse rehabilitation centers, the future’s bad news, but countered it with five words of hope:

“God has everything under control!”

As I started driving home in a bad section of our town, a man walking down the alley stopped me to ask for something to eat. He was so hungry he had smoked some cocaine to dull his hunger. He had just gotten out of nine months in prison where he had been involved in a gang fight. He was certain he never wanted to go there again.

I told him he needed to do two things. First, put Jesus Christ in the driver's seat of his life. Second, find a church of ex-addicts, like the Power of God church next to the bowling alley, as a support system.

I fed him, but first led him to the side window of our ministry print shop where the small *Know Your Future* booklet had been enlarged to fit on two posters. I pointed to the World's Most Important Prayer on page twelve, and he began to read it out loud without my prompting. I laid a hand on his shoulder and prayed. He said he felt a change as Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit, came into his heart, cleansed his soul, writing his name in the Heavenly city's registry - the Book of Life.

Peter, a disciple of Jesus Christ, warns us to prepare ourselves for the days ahead:

The Lord isn't really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

But the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away

with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, He will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames.

But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth He has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

– 2 Peter 3:9-13

In eighth grade Algebra, instead of punishing me for four "F" grades on the first four tests, my high achiever dad coached me to finish the course with an "A".

I also spent more time with my Heavenly Father, and reading the Bible. In a dream I saw Jesus and His saints return to earth in the clouds. I was caught up. Standing on top the clouds, I saw a girl I knew. While shaking her hand I said, "Thank God! You made it!"

Doing well in school, having a career, and

being able to retire are noble goals. **Life's greatest achievement, accomplishment, decision, is making Heaven our final destination.** This is the most important goal we will ever plan for.

God did His part about 2000 years ago when He sent His perfect Son Jesus Christ to earth to die for our sins so we can have eternity with Him as a **free gift.**

When God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of His grace He declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.” – Titus 3:4-7

God's appeal, and our response:

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”
– 2 Corinthians 5:20

Pray this **World's Most Important Prayer** aloud and from your heart:

Dear Jesus, Come into my heart, Forgive all my sins, Wash me in Your Blood, Write my name in the Book of Life, Fill me with the Holy Spirit so I can serve and obey You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Your Assurance of Salvation

God's Bible promises are your assurance that He is now living in you, you are His child, and that you will spend your eternity with Him. For example, Jesus said:

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, **I will come in**, and we will share a meal together as friends. — Revelation 3:20

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