



Afterlife, A Series on Heaven, Part 2, September 20, 2026



1. Where do I go when I die?

- a. I go to be with Jesus in intermediate heaven

Discussion Question:

How does this compare to your previous understanding?

Scriptures:

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

– Luke 23:43

21 "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not

know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;" – Philippians 1:21-23

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." – 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

2. What happens to my body?

- a. I will receive a resurrected body

Discussion Question:

How do you feel about the idea of having a resurrected body, and why?

Scriptures:

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised 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. 45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

1 Corinthians 15:42-49

3. Where will I spend eternity?

- a. In the New Heaven/New Earth

Discussion Question:

What excites you the most about living in a society where God is the authority?

Scriptures:

1 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God." - Revelation 21:1-3

4. What will life be like in the New Heaven/New Earth?

- a. Everything on Earth (and more), without being stained and destroyed by sin

Discussion Questions:

Does this message excite you, encourage you, scare you, or inspire you, and why?

Read Colossians 3:1-5

What does it mean to you to set your heart and your mind on things above, and how will this impact the way you will live this week?