

# PERFECT ENDING

**WHY YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE  
MATTERS TODAY**

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**THE TRUTH ABOUT HEAVEN**  
John 14:1-6

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**Introduction:** In this final message on Bible prophecy, we are going to answer the ten most prevalent questions about the eternal destiny of Christians.

**1. Is heaven an actual place or simply a state of mind?**

John 14:2-3 “<sup>2</sup>In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>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.”

Acts 1:9-11 “<sup>9</sup>And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them; <sup>11</sup>and they also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.’”

### 2. Where do Christians go when they die?

2 Peter 3:10 "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up."

Revelation 21:1 "And I [John] saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea."

### 3. When people die, do they go to a kind of purgatory until the end of time?

Luke 16:23 "And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom."

### 4. What is the difference between the millennial kingdom and the new heaven and new earth described in Revelation 21-22?

Revelation 21:1-2 "<sup>1</sup>And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband."

### 5. What kind of bodies will we have in heaven? Will we know one another in heaven?

1 Corinthians 15: 35-36 "<sup>35</sup>But someone will say, 'How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?' <sup>36</sup>You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies;"

Corinthians 15:37-38 "<sup>37</sup>and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own."

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### 6. What age will we be in heaven?

### 7. Will there be animals in heaven?

Isaiah 11:6-9 “<sup>6</sup>And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. <sup>7</sup>Also the cow and the bear will graze; their young will lie down together; and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

Revelation 19:11, 14 “<sup>11</sup>And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. <sup>14</sup>And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.”

Ecclesiastes 3:19-21 “<sup>19</sup>For the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts is the same. As one dies so dies the other; indeed, they all have the same breath and there is no advantage for man over beast, for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup>All go to the same place. All came from the dust and all return to the dust. <sup>21</sup>Who knows that the breath of man ascends upward and the breath of the beast descends downward to the earth?”

### 8. Will there be marriage in heaven?

Luke 20:34-36 “<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, ‘The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage; <sup>36</sup>for neither can they die anymore, for they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.’”

## 9. What will we do in heaven?

## 10. Are Christians in heaven aware of what is happening on the earth?

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,"

Revelation 6:10 "And they cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, wilt Thou refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?'"

Revelation 21:4 "And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

2 Peter 3:11-12 "11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!"

Conclusion