



HEAVEN

...and how to get there.











I wonder if Heaven is like being at Target by yourself with a Starbucks in hand with endless amounts of cash in your envelope...









<u>Gen. 1:1</u>, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Luke 15:21, "...Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you..."



Heaven is referred to as the place where God dwells.

Matt. 6:9, "....Our Father in heaven..."



There are angels who dwell with God in heaven and come and go from heaven, and carry out God's will.

<u>Matt. 28:2</u>, There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.



Jesus is preparing a place for believers in heaven.

John 14:2-3, ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.



Heaven will be a place where believers live for eternity.

<u>1 Thess. 4:17</u>, "...And so we will be with the Lord forever."



Heaven will be a place where believers dwell with God for eternity.

John 20:17, "...I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."



Believers are to prepare for heaven.

<u>Matt. 6:19-20</u>, ¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.



Heaven is the presence of the Lord.

<u>Rev. 21:3</u>, 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.



We will have perfect knowledge and see and know God in a direct way.

<u>1 Cor. 13:9-12</u>, ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.... ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.



Evil is removed from heaven.

<u>Rev. 21:4</u>, He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

<u>Rev. 20:10</u>, And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.



Heaven will be a place of great glory.

<u>Matt. 25:31</u>, When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.

<u>Rev. 22:5</u>, There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.



There will be Rest in heaven.

<u>Rev. 4:11</u>, Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.



There will be Worship in heaven.

<u>Rev. 19:6-7</u>, ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!



There will be service in heaven.

<u>Matt. 25:23</u>, "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'.



There will be degrees of reward in heaven.

<u>1 Cor. 3:14-15</u>, ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.



You will be perfected in heaven.

<u>Heb. 12:23</u>, "…You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,"



You will be in a physical glorified body.

<u>1 Cor. 15:42-44, 49</u>, 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. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.



Heaven will be amazing. It will be unlike anything we have ever experienced!

(NLT) <u>1 Cor. 2:9</u>, No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.



How to get into heaven



John 3:16-18, ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.



<u>Acts 4:12</u>

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.