

The Facts of Life

The Answers to the Questions!

“Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us...” The Message

“Heaven is a Place for Eternity” Part 2

“I Can Only Imagine”

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT

A. Heaven is not...

1. A place with harps, clouds, and St. Peter at the gate!
2. A bland place of rest and contemplation.
3. A place of dull, heavy, repetitive music.
4. A place where we become angels.
5. A place where we need church buildings, tissues, scales, medicine, flashlights, or keys!!

“There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.” John 14:2-3 NLT

Luke 19:19-31: The Rich Man and Lazarus

B. We are all terminal ...

“And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,” Hebrews 9:27

1. Death is an end and a new beginning.

“For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing.” 2 Corinthians 5:1-2

2. Death is the separation of body (temporal) and soul (eternal).

“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.” James 2:26

3. Death is not an end but a transition.

“And Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.’” Luke 23:43

4. Born once, die twice; born twice, die once! If you are born again, you have two birthdays and will not taste the spiritual death!

“Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.” Revelation 20:6

C. God gives us a picture of our future ...

Here is what we learn from the parable...

1. Our earthly lives may not be related to our heavenly lives. Who is rich?
2. Angels carry us from this life to the next.
3. There are two separate places for the dead. They are described as places where they will experience the physical body
4. The separate places have no contact with each other.
5. There is no crossing over from one place to the other.
6. No one in hell will desire family or friends to join them. It is a place with memory and sight.
7. Heaven is a place of eternal comfort!

“For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.” 2 Corinthians 5:10

D. We know heaven is far better...

“For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don’t know which is better. I’m torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me.”

Philippians 1:21-23

1. We will enjoy eternal life in the immediate presence of God.
2. All that diminishes the quality of life on earth will be banished from heaven.
3. The heights of joy we have experienced on earth will be eclipsed in heaven.
4. Failure and its consequences will be a thing of the past. No more sin!

5. No more will we be subject to temptations of any type.
6. Knowledge will no longer be limited.
7. Limitations of the body will no longer hinder us.
8. Everything to enrich our lives will be available to us.
9. Reunion with loved ones and the formation of new relationships will make heaven a wonderful place of fellowship.
10. Heaven’s music will far surpass earth’s finest achievements!
11. There will be full satisfaction for every holy and wholesome longing and aspiration.
12. Heaven will be...far better!

“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.’” Revelation 21:4-7

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Fact #6 –

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