

HEAVEN & HELL

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WEEK FOUR: HEAVEN – WHAT? WHERE?

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (Hebrews 9:27-28)

Why preach a sermon series on heaven and hell?

- The Bible talks about heaven and hell, and we want our preaching to be _____.
- Among Christians, there is great _____ about the doctrine of the afterlife.
 - There is confusion about the terminology, and many people flatten the Bible's teaching into "heaven" and "hell."
 - There is confusion about the afterlife in general, and many people have been influenced by _____ more than the Scriptures.
 - There is confusion about how a person ends up in heaven or hell, and many people are "functional _____."
 - There is confusion about the purpose of the afterlife, and many people fail to see that heaven and hell exist for God's _____ (Romans 9:22-23).

“Heaven is the place where God most fully makes known his _____ to _____.” (Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*)

Vocabulary

- “The Hebrew word *sheol*, often left untranslated in newer English versions, has the basic meaning of _____ or the _____ (Isa. 38:10). It can refer to the place every human being goes upon death (Ps. 89:48), but it can also refer more specifically to a place of punishment for the wicked (Deut. 32:22).” (Kevin DeYoung, *Daily Doctrine*)
- The Hebrew word *shamayim* and the Greek word *ouranos* are translated “heaven” or “heavens.” These words can refer to the _____, to _____, and to the place God _____ (Psalm 8:8, 19:1, 115:3 ... Acts 1:10-11, 2:19, 7:49 ... Genesis 1:1, Acts 4:24 ... Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14).
- After the crucifixion, Jesus descended to *sheol*, the place of the dead. He proclaimed _____ to his enemies in *hades* and *tartarus*, and he led Old Covenant believers from “Abraham’s Side” to “_____” (1 Peter 3:18-4:6, Ephesians 4:8-10 ... 2 Corinthians 5:6-8, Philippians 1:23 ... Luke 23:43, 2 Corinthians 12:3, Revelation 2:7).
- In the end, after the return of Jesus, God’s people will dwell with God in a “new _____ and a new _____” (Revelation 21:1-22:5).

“The believer’s portion is laid up in heaven. That heaven is a _____, and not a mere state of being, we are taught by the words of Christ, who said, “I go to prepare a place for you; but in what part of universal space this happy place is situated, the Bible _____ ... No telescope can bring this glorious place within the reach of human view ... Yet, though science cannot give us a knowledge of this happy world, divine revelation has made us to some extent acquainted with it ... By faith, which is the evidence of things not seen, we look at things unseen and eternal. ... These drops of heaven sent down to worms below, unite with the descriptions found in God’s holy word, to give such ideas of heaven as it is possible for us to form; but at best, we only know in part ... But though in looking forward to the inheritance in prospect, we are compelled to see through a glass darkly.” (John Dagg, *Manual of Theology*)

Romans 8:18-25

2 Corinthians 4:16-18