

"Basic Bible Truths" - Lesson #9  
 "WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT HEAVEN AND HELL"

Introduction:

We've arrived at our 9th lesson in 12 Basic Bible Truths: *"What The Bible Teaches About Heaven and Hell"*.

1. Of all the lessons in this series...it is with this one that I have struggled most.
  1. **WHY?** Well...for many reasons...not the least of which is the enormity of the subject.
    1. In one sense....there is this wonderful word *"Heaven"*.
      1. The place where every normal person wants to spend eternity.
      2. The place that's promised to every human being who puts his or her faith in Jesus Christ.
    2. And then there's heaven's counterpart... described in the Bible by the word *"Hell"*.
      1. And...in spite of all the jokes about "Hell"...
      2. No one really wants to go there.
      3. Not even Ted Turner of CNN, who arrogantly remarks...  
*"I've had a few drinks and a few girlfriends...and if that's going to send me to hell, so be it."*
      4. If Mr. Turner really knew the horrors of hell which the Bible describes...
      5. He would never say such a thing!
  2. Now...when it comes to dying and going to Heaven...no group has more interesting things to say than little children.
    1. Alan, age 7: *"God doesn't tell you when you're gonna die because He wants it to be a big surprise."*
    2. Aaron, age 8: *"The hospital is the place where people go on their way to heaven."*
    3. Raymond, age 10: *"A good doctor can help you so you won't die. A bad doctor sends you to heaven."*
    4. Stephanie, age 9: *"Doctors help you so you won't die until you pay all their bills."*
    5. Marsha, age 9: *"When you die, you don't have to do homework in heaven unless your teacher is there, too. But I don't think she will be."*
    6. Ralph, age 8: *"When birds are ready to die they just fly to heaven."*
    7. Once...after a funeral, when our daughter Lori, was about 4 years-old...
      1. As we were getting in the car in the parking lot...
      2. We told her that the man had gone to heaven.
      3. She looked at a little cloud in the sky and said, *"Look, I can see his foot sticking out!"*

2. Now...as we look at the teaching of the Bible regarding Heaven and hell...we have to begin by making two things clear.
  1. First...there is a spirit world which includes both Heaven and hell.
    1. That's always been the conviction of mankind.
    2. That belief has been discovered in every culture...
      1. As far back as archaeologists have been able...
      2. To uncover traces of human life.
  2. Secondly...the subjects of Heaven and hell are invariably associated with *DEATH!*
    1. Now...it's not necessary to spend time trying to convince anybody that they're going to die.
    2. Everybody knows that this life will some day come to an end.
    3. Solomon said it well in Ecclesiastes 9:5...  
*"For the living know that they shall die..."*
  3. But...death doesn't affect all men in the same way.
    1. **Why not?** Well...because death doesn't lead all men in the same direction!
    2. The Bible does not teach annihilationism...or that death is simply the end of the life process.
    3. So...death isn't the consummation of all existence....because there's an afterlife!
    4. The Bible teaches that a man's spirit and soul continue to exist after his body is laid in the grave.
    5. Furthermore...the Bible teaches that the physical death of a believer in Christ...
      1. Is precious in the eyes of God...
      2. And is a pleasant graduation from this earthly life...
      3. And into the presence of his Heavenly Father.
    6. But...the physical death of an unbeliever is a horrific descent away from the presence of God!
3. Now...before we look at what God says about Heaven and hell we need to say a little more about the fact that man is not merely a physical being.
  1. But...the way some people live you wouldn't know that.
    1. **Why Not??** Because they live their lives as though this earthly experience is all there is!
    2. But...God says that man is not merely a *body*.
    3. He also has a *soul* AND a *spirit*.
    4. We usually don't have any trouble recognizing that we have a body and a spirit...but what is the soul?
    5. Man's soul is made-up of his mind, emotions and will.
    6. So...we can say that man is a "*triune being*".
    7. Let me just give you a couple of passages from the Bible that clearly establish that man is composed of a *spirit*, a *soul*, and a *body*.

1Thes 5:23

*"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Heb 4:12

*"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, (body), and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

8. Now...in the hour of death...we will be separated from our earthly bodies and our spirit and soul will be ushered into the glorious presence of the Lord Jesus.
9. So...we who know and love Jesus have nothing to fear from death!
2. QUESTION: What will happen to the believer after death?
  1. Well...before the funeral has been held and the body placed in the cemetery...
    1. And before the relatives and neighbors have been notified...
    2. And before the family calls 911...
    3. **YOU AND I WILL HAVE ALREADY REACHED HEAVEN!**
  2. STORY: An elderly lady, whose husband had died...went to the tombstone-cutter to order a tombstone for her husband's grave.
    1. She told him she just wanted a small one with no frills...
    2. And she told him to engrave the words *"To My Husband"* in a suitable place.
    3. But...when she went to the cemetery she was shocked to see this inscription on her husband's tombstone:

***"TO MY HUSBAND...IN A SUITABLE PLACE"***

3. Well...heaven is going to be a *place suited* for every believer who leaves this world!
4. Hazel Felleman wrote these words...

***"Think of - - -***

***Stepping on shore, and finding it Heaven!***

***Of taking hold of a hand, and finding it God's hand.***

***Of breathing a new air, and finding it celestial air.***

***Of feeling invigorated, and finding it immortality.***

***Of passing from storm to tempest to an unknown calm.***

***Of waking up, and finding it Home."***

4. Now...the fact is that it's very difficult to imagine the glories of heaven.
  1. Paul says in I Corinthians 13:12...
 

*"Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."*

    1. But...God doesn't leave us in total ignorance when it comes to the subject of heaven.
    2. The Bible gives us a little glimpse of the place where we're gonna spend eternity!
    3. But...until we're Home to be with the Lord...
      1. All we can know in this world about the one to come...
      2. Is confined right here in God's Word.
  2. To begin with...the Bible teaches that Heaven is a PLACE.
    1. It's not just a sphere of life, or an attitude, or a way of living...or a state of mind.
    2. The Bible says Jesus lived in Heaven **before** He was incarnated!

Jesus said in John 6:38...**"I came down from Heaven."**

3. And after the Resurrection, He went **back to Heaven** and He's there, right now.

Heb 8:1

(He) "...has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens..."

4. Jesus said to His disciples in John 14:2...***"I go to prepare a place for you"***.
5. So...the Bible teaches that Heaven is a PLACE.
6. Furthermore...when Jesus went away, He must have gone "somewhere"!
7. So...making-up some idea of a place called Heaven is more than something that just helps Christians die better!
8. **IT'S A PLACE PROMISED IN THE BIBLE TO THOSE WHO PUT THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST!**

5. Now, someone might say...***"Okay, where is it?"***

1. The Bible speaks of three heavens.
  1. First...the **"atmospheric"** heavens where the birds fly.
  2. Second...the **"stellar"** heavens which we refer to as outer space...the place where the stars and planets are.
  3. Third...the **"celestial"** heaven.
    1. Also called the Heaven of heavens"...
    2. Or...the **THIRD HEAVEN**. (II Chron. 6:18)
  4. The Third Heaven is the Heaven Jesus was referring to when He said...

Matt 5:16

*"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in **heaven**."*

**Question:** Where do believers go when we die?

5. Paul says we go to be with the Lord:
 

*"...absent from the body, and present with the Lord" (II Corinthians 5:8).*
6. We've already established that Jesus is in the Third Heaven...
  1. So...when a Christian dies...
  2. He/She goes to the Third Heaven!!
7. He/She enters immediately into Heaven itself and is at home with the Lord!
2. But...that still doesn't answer the question of the LOCATION of Heaven.
  1. Exactly where is it?
  2. We don't know.
  3. But which direction would most people point if asked where Heaven is?
 

**UP!**
  4. Question: WHICH WAY IS UP?
  5. If you pointed "up" in North America and you pointed "up" in China...
    1. At the same time...
    2. You would be pointing in opposite directions!
    3. *"Up"* would be everywhere in general and nowhere in particular!
  6. However...when Lucifer rebelled against God, he said...

"I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, ***in the uttermost parts of the north***" (Isaiah 14:13).

7. When the prophet Ezekiel received his vision from the Lord, he wrote...

Ezek 1:4

"And as I looked, behold, a storm wind was coming from ***the north...***"

8. So...it would seem reasonable to conclude that Heaven is somewhere...

1. In the northern heavens...
2. Somewhere behind the North Star...
3. Beyond the reach of the astronomer's most powerful telescopes.

6. Does the Bible teach that someday, all Christians will be citizens of Heaven? ***NO! It does not!***

1. **ILL:** Right now there are people living in cold, snowy and icy eastern cities of the United States.

1. Many of them are looking forward to retiring someday and moving to Florida or Arizona.

2. Are they presently citizens of Florida or Arizona...if they live in New York or Pennsylvania?

3. Of course not!

4. They will only be citizens of Florida or Arizona when and if they reside there!

2. But...that's not true with Christians when it comes to our future heavenly home.

1. We're all looking forward to going there, aren't we?

2. **ILL:** Little boy who didn't raise his hand when asked by the preacher if he wanted to go to heaven. "*I thought you meant right now!*"

3. Every normal Christian is eagerly looking forward to that moment when he will be transported into Heaven!

4. BUT...unlike our friends who are freezing in New York or Pennsylvania...

1. We don't have to wait 'til we get there to become citizens of our heavenly home...

2. Why not?

5. BECAUSE THE BIBLE SAYS WE ARE ***ALREADY*** CITIZENS OF HEAVEN...EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT THERE YET!!

Phil 3:20

"For our citizenship ***is*** (present tense) in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ..."

3. In addition to being "citizens" in Heaven...Peter calls Christians "***strangers and pilgrims***" in I Peter 2:11.

1. The idea is that we are here only ***temporarily*** and this is a ***foreign land*** to us.

2. Aren't you glad???

3. **ILL:** I've been in some situations in foreign countries when I was glad that I was a citizen of the U.S.!

1. Story: India - madman got after Jan and me on a streetcorner and large crowd gathered quickly...

2. The crowd began to encourage him as he hollered at us...
3. I can tell you that in that moment, I was glad that I was a citizen of another land...
4. And I had something in my pocket to prove it...A UNITED STATES PASSPORT!
5. I could leave India anytime I wanted...because I had the official papers that would allow me to leave!
4. Now...as you and I go through this fallen, earthly existence...
  1. And as we experience the battles and the pains of this life...
  2. It's very comforting to know that we are not citizens of this earth...
  3. And we're not gonna be here forever!
5. Because we have a PASSPORT... which is hidden in our hearts!
6. Jesus Christ is our Savior and He's coming to take us home to Heaven someday!

Now...there are a lot of questions associated with this subject and it's impossible to answer them all in this short a period of time, but we'll try to get-in a few.

What will Heaven be like?

Will there be babies in Heaven?

7. **What will Heaven be like?** We'll find out by turning to the 21st chapter of the Book of the Revelation.

1. Now...here we see the New Jerusalem part of Heaven...the Holy City.
  1. All the judgments of God are finished by the time we get to this part of Revelation.

Rev 21:2

*"And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband."*

2. Now...if you're a Christian...would you like to see what your ultimate destination is like?
3. Right here...God gives you and me a picture of our new home that's waiting for us when we leave this world behind.
4. Let's just read it through and while we do...think about it!

Rev 21:3-22:5

3 *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them,*

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."*

5 *And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."*

6 *And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.*

7 *"He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.*

8 *"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

9 *And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying...*

*"Come here, I shall show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."*

10 *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,*

11 *having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.*

12 *It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.*

13 *There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.*

14 *And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

15 *And the one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.*

16 *And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.*

17 *And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.*

18 *And the material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.*

19 *The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;*

20 *the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoyprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.*

21 *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.*

22 *And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple.*

23 *And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.*

24 *And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it.*

25 *And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed;*

26 *and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;*

27 *and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

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1 *And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,*

2 *in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

3 *And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him;*

4 *and they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.*

5 *And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever."*

5. That is the ultimate place of absolute perfection...the "home" of the saved of all the ages.
  6. It will be a JOY-FILLED, PERMANENT RELIEF...
    1. From all the struggles, pains, heartaches, and troubles...
    2. That we've experienced on this earth.
2. Now...let me quickly answer a couple of questions about Heaven that are often asked.
1. **"WILL THERE BE BABIES IN HEAVEN?"**
  2. The Bible doesn't answer that question specifically.
  3. But...it's apparent that Jesus held a special place in His heart for little children.

Matt 18:14

*"Thus it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish."*

Matt 19:14

*"But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

4. It might be of interest to you to know that many Bible scholars believe that there will be more people in Heaven than there will be in hell.
  5. **WHY?** Well...they base that belief on the fact...
    1. That so many countless millions of children have been aborted
    2. Or have died....
    3. BEFORE reaching the age of accountability.
  6. It seems to me that it would be literally impossible that any of those little ones would be lost!
  7. But...it seems altogether reasonable from the Scriptures...
    1. That all children who are not able to decide to give their hearts to Christ...
    2. Are divinely safe and secure in the love of God.
3. But...will little children and babies still have their same bodies?
1. I don't think so.
  2. I don't think there are going to be any deformed, deficient, nor decrepit bodies in Heaven.
  3. There's not gonna be any old age or infancy!
  4. Infancy is an immature stage...it's an imperfect state of existence.
  5. Everyone in Heaven will be in a state of perfection in every way.
  6. Think what a tragedy it would be if weak and helpless little babies were doomed to an eternal state of weakness and helplessness.
4. Well...how will parents recognize their children?...Or their little babies who were aborted or died at birth?
1. I don't believe that's any problem for God.
  2. I think mothers and dads will recognize their children and babies... even though they're fullgrown.

3. Now...I realize I haven't given you any Biblical reasons for believing in the doctrine of Recognition.
4. But...it's a vast subject for the time we have.
5. I've listed some Scripture references you can study on your own that may help you with this one.

Luke 16:23; Matthew 8:11; I Thessalonians 2:19-20; II Corinthians 1:14; I Corinthians 13:12

Now...let's take a few minutes and look at the most serious doctrine in the whole Bible...and the most unpopular.

### ***THE DOCTRINE OF HELL***

5. But...before we go any further...remember that man is a TRIPART BEING!
  1. Body...Soul...Spirit.
  2. The body will die...the soul and the spirit will continue to live.
  3. And...death doesn't lead all men in the same direction!
  4. The spirit-world includes both Heaven and HELL!
6. Now...I don't intend to make any jokes about "**hell**".
  1. There are a lot of them...most of them coming from people who say things like: "**Well, if I go to hell, at least I'll be in good company because a lot of my friends will be there!**"
  2. But...there's nothing "funny" about hell or going there!
  3. It was said of the great evangelist Dwight L. Moody, that "*...he never preached about hell without a tear in his eye.*"
7. Now...you and I don't and won't hear much about the doctrine of hell these days.
  1. **Why not?** I really don't know.
  2. But...let me suggest one possibility:
    1. I think it might be because many pastors have bought-into the idea...
    2. Of not wanting to offend what are called "*seekers*" who might come to the church.
    3. The idea is that "*seekers*", obviously, are people who are just "*seeking*"...
    4. Or "*checking-out*" spiritual things.
  3. And the thinking is that the last thing you want to do is offend them when they show up on Sunday morning... "**SEEKING**".
  4. Now...that philosophy runs contrary to the reason the church meets in the first place.
    1. The church meets, not for evangelism, but for EDIFICATION.
    2. The church scatters, then, for EVANGELISM!
  5. Do you see the "*integrity*" problem with that philosophy?
  6. To say nothing of a certain "**shame**" attached to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!?!?
8. Now...with that in mind, don't you find it interesting that Jesus said more about hell than He did about Heaven?
  1. He compared hell to the garbage dump called *Gehenna*, that was located outside Jerusalem..."**where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.**"

Mark 9:43-48

43 "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire,  
 44 [where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.]  
 45 "And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having your two feet, to be cast into hell,  
 46 [where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.]  
 47 "And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell,  
 48 where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."

2. He also compares hell to outer darkness, a horrible place away from the presence of God, who is Light. (*Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30*).
3. Now...as I've said...it would be impossible to do a detail study of either Heaven or hell in the time allotted.
4. But...let me address one specific question that most people ask about hell.

8. *Will there be literal FIRE in hell?*

1. In the 16th chapter of Luke Jesus told the story of the rich man and Lazarus...

Luke 16:22-24

22 "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.  
 23 "And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.  
 24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.'"

1. Now...the bodies of both the rich man and Lazarus were corrupting in the grave.
2. Therefore...the words used in this story: "eyes"... "tongue"... "finger" and "flame" could not be physical.
3. **Why not?** Because flame can't burn a spirit.
4. So...if the flame that tormented the rich man wasn't literal flame...
  1. Then we have reason to believe that the flame in the lake of fire...
  2. Is not physical either!
5. We are also told in Mt. 25:41 that the lake of fire was "*prepared for the devil and his angels.*"
6. Again...physical fire has no effect upon spirit beings.
2. So...does the Bible teach that there will be fire in hell? **YES!**
  1. But...whatever kind of fire it is...
    1. It must be some special kind of fire for spirit beings...
    2. And it is no doubt...far more horrible than physical fire!
  2. Because...if the damned souls in hell are in physical bodies...
    1. And the flames are physical...
    2. Then...it would necessitate a continual, instant-by-instant...
    3. Reconstitution of their burning flesh...
    4. In order for them to continue to be tormented.
  3. It makes more sense, both logically and Biblically...

1. For this particular torment to arise from a burning thirst for God...
  2. That the knowledge of eternal separation from Him would create...
  3. Along with the unbearable pain of remorse!
9. Let's look at one more question often asked about hell: ***"HOW COULD A GOD OF LOVE SEND ANYONE TO HELL?"***
1. Now...we've seen in previous studies that Jesus Christ paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world.
    1. That includes those who reject Him.

John 1:29

*"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

I Jn 2:2

*"...He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world."*

2. We can be absolutely certain that no one will ever suffer in hell...
    1. Who could have been won to Christ...
    2. In this present world.
  3. God goes to every length to rescue all who would respond to the wooing of the Holy Spirit!
2. Here an illustration that's used by a friend of mine...
- A fish sees a man on the shore sitting on a chair with his legs crossed, smoking a cigar and holding a fishing pole.
- And...the fish gets the idea that he's missing out on real living...and decides he wants to be like the man.
- So...the fish jumps out of the water...and flips itself upon a chair, crosses its fins, and lights up a cigar.
- But...before it can manage to get hold of a fishing pole, it runs out of oxygen.
- So...with its life expiring, it falls from the chair, and flops around in the dirt with its gills opening and closing rapidly in a vain attempt to pull oxygen from the air.
- An atheist walking by exclaims in derision: ***"What kind of God would create a fish to suffer like that?"***
- Now...the obvious truth is that God never made the fish to suffer like that. God created that fish to swim in exuberant freedom in rivers, lakes, and oceans! However, this horrible suffering, which is contrary to God's will, came about because the fish rebelled against the purpose God had for it. ***Rebelling in his own way against God, man too is like a fish out of water!***
- As God didn't plan for the fish to suffer like that...neither did He ever intend that any man would suffer in hell. Created to swim in the ocean of God's love, man has been given the power of choice...without which he could neither love nor respond to the love of God.
- Those who reject the life and love for which God created them...bring their unhappy fate upon their own heads...just as did our proverbial fish.

## CONCLUSION:

## 10. Where will you spend eternity?

1. Because there is such a place as hell...we need to warn a lost world of the wrath of God to come.
  1. We are to be *"ambassadors for Christ"* ...not **"prosecuting attorneys"**.
  2. What are you doing...how are you living in order to reach people before it's too late?
2. I hope you will go to Heaven when your spirit and soul leave your body.
  1. But...remember...you have to have a "passport" to get to Heaven.
  2. Do you have your passport?
  3. It's available to everyone.
  4. You can find it in the same chapter where Jesus promised He was gonna prepare a place for us...

John 14:6

**"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."**

5. If you've never trusted Christ as your Savior...then I hope you will place your trust in Him now.
6. The Bible says...

## John 1:12

*"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name..."*

7. I hope I'll see you in Heaven...the choice is yours.

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1. What word in the Bible is the counterpart to the word "Heaven"? (p. 1)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Heaven and hell are associated in the Scripture with the word \_\_\_\_\_.  
(p. 2)
3. Why doesn't "death" affect all men in the same way? (p. 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What three parts of a man make-up his being? (pp. 2-3)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What parts of a man continue to exist after the body is dead? (p. 2)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the "soul"? (p. 3) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Give one Scripture reference that proves man has 3 parts to his being. (p. 3)  
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8. The Bible teaches that Heaven is not just a state of mind or an idea, but that it is a \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
9. How many heavens are there? \_\_\_\_\_(p. 4)
10. Which heaven is Jesus in right now? \_\_\_\_\_(p. 5)
11. Which heaven do Christians go to when they die? \_\_\_\_\_(p. 5)
12. Does the Bible teach that all Christians will "*someday*" be citizens of Heaven? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (Be careful here) (pp. 5-6) Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What does the Apostle Peter call Christians in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:11? (p.6) \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. What does that mean? (p. 6) \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Where in the Bible can we find what Heaven will be like? (p. 7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. Do you think there will be “babies” in Heaven? (p. 10-11)  
\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
Explain why you believe your answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Who was the “*Lake of Fire*” prepared for? (p. 12) \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Please explain how a loving God could send anyone to hell. (p. 12-13)  
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