

# **#1** Heaven

#### Wanna Go to Heaven?

- anticipation and longing?
- confusion?
- fear or disappointment?
- denial?

### IS HEAVEN REAL?

- 1. The Bible mentions "heaven" 422 times
- 2. **JESUS** believed in a real heaven
  - a) He declared that he came from heaven John 6:38
  - b) He spoke often about 'the kingdom of heaven' *Mathew 3:2;* 5:3.10
  - c) He declared he was returning to heaven John 17:13; Acts 1:2
- 3. Others have been given visions and glimpses of heaven
  - a) STEPHEN Acts 7:55-56
  - b) PAUL 2 Corinthians 12:2-4
  - c) **JOHN** Revelation 21-22

#### WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Isaiah 65:17 "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth."

- 1. Heaven is a PLACE John 14:2
- 2. Heaven is a **BETTER** place Hebrews 11:16
- 3. Heaven is like a <u>CITY</u> or a country Hebrews 11:16
- 4. The capital city of Heaven—<u>THE NEW JERUSALEM</u>—will be breathtaking!
  - a) Immense in size (Revelation 21:16)
  - b) Extremely secure (Revelation 21:17)
  - c) Visually magnificent (Revelation 21:11)
  - d) Incredibly extravagant (Revelation 21:18-19)
  - e) Structurally sound (Revelation 21:19; Hebrews 11:8-10)
  - f) Architecturally amazing (Revelation 21:12-14)
  - g) Filled with the beauty of Natural Wonders
    - the River of Life (Revelation 22:1)
    - the Tree of Life (Revelation 22:2)

## **COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE IN HEAVEN**

Will we have names and know and recognize each other in heaven? **Yes** 

Will our bodies be different in heaven? YES AND NO

Will we continue to have gender—male and female? PROBABLY

How old will we be in heaven? WE'RE NOT TOLD

Will we eat in heaven? YES

Will we remember our lives on the earth? **YES** 

Will we become angels? NO

Will there be any sin or disease in heaven? NO

Will there be music, arts, and sports in heaven? PROBABLY

Will we just sit around and play harps all the time in heaven? NO!

Will we be able to be in several places at once? PROBABLY NOT

Will there be animals in heaven? **APPARENTLY** 

Will there be sex in heaven? PROBABLY NOT AS WE KNOW IT HERE

Will we be reunited with loved ones in heaven? IT DEPENDS

#### WHO WILL GO TO HEAVEN?

<u>Revelation 21:27</u> Nothing impure will ever enter [heaven], nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but <u>only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life</u>.

BIBLE READING PLAN		
□ Sun.: Gen. 25	Mon.: Gen. 26	□ Tues.: Gen. 27
□ Wed.: Gen. 28 □ Thurs.: Gen. 29		
☐ Fri.: Gen. 30	Sat.: Gen. 31	■ Sun.: Gen. 32