

## Eternity and the Believer

### Some basic facts

First, the world’s view of “heaven” is really \_\_\_\_\_!

Secondly, the world’s view of “hell” is really \_\_\_\_\_ too!

### From scripture, what are we, as Christians to believe about heaven and hell?

- All men are \_\_\_\_\_ by God - Genesis 1:27, Mark 10:6, Jeremiah 1:5, Ps 139:13-14
- Man is \_\_\_\_\_
- We will forever be in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ - Hebrews 9:27, Luke 16:19-31
- Physical death is \_\_\_\_\_ for all men - Heb 9:27, Philippians 1:22-24,
- Hell is also eternal and \_\_\_\_\_ for non-Christians

Though physically alive, non-Christians are already \_\_\_\_\_ dead and \_\_\_\_\_ to hell - John 3:16-18

Will \_\_\_\_\_ in hell forever - 2 Thes 1:5, Philippians 3:18-19, Matthew 25:46

### eschatology

#### Terms

State: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

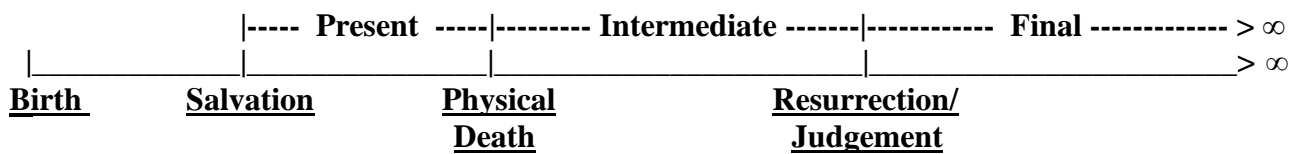
Regenerate: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Unregenerate: **Not** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Morally able: \_\_\_\_\_ to please God

Morally unable: No \_\_\_\_\_ to please God or merit his blessings. Most significantly, they can't appeal to him for forgiveness, or work their way to salvation.

### A timeline for Christians



- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ for Christians
  - \_\_\_\_\_ State
    - Begins \_\_\_\_\_ with salvation – John 5:24, Eph 2:4-5, Col 2:13
    - Have \_\_\_\_\_ able – can please God - Eph 2:10, Phil 2:13
    - In “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” - Eph 2:4-7

- We were \_\_\_\_\_ to be in heaven before the beginning of time - Eph 3:1-5, Rev 21:27, Rom 8:29-30
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with God - No longer enemies of God - Rom 5:10
- \_\_\_\_\_ State
  - Describes the time between Christian's \_\_\_\_\_ and the resurrection.
  - Begins when we die and ends when Christ returns
  - Immediate after \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 23:43
  - Heaven is only for \_\_\_\_\_ believers - Matt 7:21-23
  - \_\_\_\_\_ our resurrected bodies
  - We are with the \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Cor 5:8, Philippians 1:23
  - Fellowship and \_\_\_\_\_ - Rich man and Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31
  - We attain perfect \_\_\_\_\_, Heb 12:23
  - Will live \_\_\_\_\_ - John 10:27-30, 1 John 5:11-13
- Final State – \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord - Revelation 1:7–8
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead - 1 Thes 4:13-18
  - However, with the coming of the Lord and the resurrection comes final judgement! - Heb 6:1-2 -
  - Prophesied – Isaiah 26:19-2, Jesus - Matt 22:31-32
  - Perfect \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Cor 15:52-54, Phil 3:21
  - Importance of the resurrection of our bodies
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - Matt 5:12, Heb 11:6
  - New \_\_\_\_\_ and new \_\_\_\_\_ - Rev 21:1-5
  - God's \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth will be completely removed.
  - God will be present with us in a \_\_\_\_\_ way - Rev 21:3–5, 22-23

### **Our Understanding of Heaven**

Rev 21:3 - And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

- Life \_\_\_\_\_ can affect us and our views
  - What I noticed in myself - We tend to \_\_\_\_\_ scripture, assume and have convinced ourselves that we “understand” and “live” it
  - How do we do this you ask???
1. \_\_\_\_\_ God and the importance my relationship with Him
    - C. S. Lewis – “Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

- Rom 12:1-2, Luke 9:23, Matt 10:37, Gal 2:20
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ of God is too small or totally wrong
  3. Our real problem is our \_\_\_\_\_ thinking! – We view God in relation only to ourselves
    - We consider God only in what He has \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ for us!
    - We think of God only for what He \_\_\_\_\_ us! - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ...
    - Not only are we egocentric about God Himself, bleeds over into our view of \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Cor 2:9 (Isaiah 64:4) - But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

We have questions –

- What does it \_\_\_\_\_ like?
- How will I \_\_\_\_\_ people?
- What does “forever” mean – won’t we get \_\_\_\_\_??
- What will I \_\_\_\_\_?
- Will we \_\_\_\_\_?
- How do we \_\_\_\_\_?

Do you notice all of these questions have a singular perspective – \_\_\_\_\_!

### **So, what about heaven?**

- But the most important thing – \_\_\_\_\_ will be there! - Rev 21:3

In Heaven, though it is all about Him and His glory – it is for our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_! Ps 16:11

### **In light of all this what then should be our view of heaven?**

Not just \_\_\_\_\_ with loved ones, rewards, “knowledge”

- It is only when our \_\_\_\_\_ are right that we can fully appreciate our loved ones!
- What will happen to us once we do reach Heaven? What will we do/ be then? - 1 John 3:2

**Heaven is not so much \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (though it is forever real), but \_\_\_\_\_!**

**2 things that God has done culminate in heaven - Our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ are erased forever!**

1. God does away with all earthly \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why??? - So that we can fully enjoy \_\_\_\_\_!