

WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

Romans 8.18-25 // December 12, 2021

WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

**Satan's plan is to maintain the curse, and destroy creation.
But God's plan is to destroy the curse, not His creation.**

Psalms 25.13, 37.9, 11 // Isaiah 49.8

Continuity: Unbroken consistent existence over a period of time

Whatever sin has touched and polluted, God will redeem and cleanse. If redemption does not go as far as the curse of sin, then God has failed. Whatever the extent of the consequences of sin, so must the extent of redemption be. **-Steven J. Lawson**

Questions to Consider When Thinking of the Future Earth

- What does the Bible say?
- What does it forbid?
- Will it glorify God?
- Is it inherently sinful or evil?
- Does it coincide with the idea of continuity?
- Was it a part of God's "very good" creation and design?

WHAT WILL OUR BODIES BE LIKE?

1 Corinthians 15.20-23, 35-44, 49-57 // Luke 24.38-43

The Corinthians, like us, have wondered what their future bodies will be like, but Paul is amazed by this question, because he sees this as Christianity 101! We only need to look to how Christ was raised to know how we will also be raised.

**The present body isn't a prison to escape;
what it needs is transformation.**

-N.T. Wright

HUMAN CULTURE AND INVENTION

Psalms 102.15, 16 // Isaiah 11.9, 10

Isaiah 65.21, 66.19, 20, 25 // Revelation 21.25, 26 // Matthew 19.27, 28

The total work of Christ is nothing less than to redeem this entire creation from the effects of sin. That purpose will not be accomplished until God has ushered in the new earth, until Paradise Lost has become Paradise Regained. **-Anthony Hoekema**

Eden was never the goal, but a foretaste of the great feast to come. As citizens of Heaven, we are joint heirs and partakers of the divine nature, and we look forward to the Day when Christ will rule and reign as the King of kings.

2 Corinthians 3.17-21 // Colossians 3.1-4

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?
Read **Romans 8.18-25**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself
How does having your mind fixed on Christ and the future home He is creating for us help you to battle sin and discontentment in this life? What does it do for the cares of the world that often grip you and consume your mind?

Your Life Mission
We live between two worlds: one with no hope, and one that is our eternal hope. We live in this broken world, but we do have hope. How does this effect the way you share the Gospel with others? What relationships in your life would you like prayer for, maybe even that you are a little fearful of when it comes to sharing the Gospel?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God’s goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week’s text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don’t need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God’s desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God’s love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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