

Our Issues - God's Answers

Is Heaven Really A Place?

INTRO: As the song said, "Everybody talkin' 'bout heaven ain't going there!" Sadly among Christians, "everybody going to heaven ain't talking about it." Are your roots deep here? Remember, the hardest plants to pull-up are those with the deepest roots. Do we really want to have deep roots in this world?!

I. THE WITNESSES

1. Jesus - Mt. 6:8; 5:12, 16, 34, 45, 48; Mt. 21:25;
Jn. 3:13, 31; 6:33, 38, 41-42, 50-51, 58
2. John - 1 John 5:7; Re. 4:1-2
3. Peter - 1 Pt. 1:4; 3:22
4. Paul - 2 Co. 4:17 - 5:8; 1 Th. 4:16; 2 Co. 12:2

II. THE WHEREABOUTS - 2 Co. 12:2-4 (Ps. 115:16)

1. The First Heaven - Is. 55:8-10; Ps. 147:6; Lk. 4:25
2. The Second Heaven - Ge. 1:14-17; Ps. 19:1; Mt. 24:29
3. The Third Heaven - Mt. 6:9; 1 Kg. 8:27; Is. 57:15/63:15; Ps. 102:19;
Lk. 10:18/Job 1:6; Acts 1:11; 7:55

III. THE WHEN

1. Pre-Cross - Lk. 16:22; 23:43
2. Post-Cross
 - (1) Pre-Rapture - 2 Co. 5:8
 - (2) Post-Rapture - 1 Th. 4:16-17

IV. THE WEALTH

1. Our Father Is There - Mt. 6:9
2. Our Lord Is There - He. 9:24; Sp. 4:7-10; Acts 1:11/1Th. 4:16
3. Our Brethren Are There - He. 12:23
4. Our Name Is There - Lk. 10:20
5. Our Citizenship Is There - Pp. 3:20; 2 Co. 5:20; 1 Pt. 1:1; Jn. 14:2
6. Our Inheritance Is There - 1 Pt. 1:3-4; Ro. 8:16-18
7. Our Reward Is There - Mt. 5:12; Lk. 6:23
8. Our Treasure Is There - Mt. 6:19-21; 19:21
9. Our Hope Is There - Cl. 1:5; 1 Pt. 1:13; 2 Co. 5:8
10. Our Position Is There - Ep. 2:4-6; Cl. 3:1-2

V. THE WONDER

1. The Place Of Sanctification - Re. 19:1; Is. 57:15; Mt. 6:9-10;
1 Co. 6:9-11; Re. 21:27
2. The Place Of Satisfaction - Ps. 65:4; 16:11; Ro. 8:23; 1 Co. 13:12;
1 Co. 15:51-57; Pp. 3:20-21; Re. 21:1-10

VI. THE WAY - Jn. 14:6; 3:3, 5; 1 Co. 6:9-11

VII. THE WORTH

1. It Stimulates Perseverance - He. 12:1-2; Cl. 3:1-3; 2 Co. 4:16-18
2. It Stimulates Perspective - Mt. 6:19-21, 32-33; Cl. 3:1-2; 1 Jn. 2:15-17
3. It Stimulates Purification - Titus 2:11-13; 1 Jn. 2:28 - 3:3; 2 Co. 5:9-11

CONCL: "What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see!" Indeed! Are you ready? Are you excited? Are you looking forward to it? Start/Keep looking up!!