

FUTURES

A STUDY IN WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WHY IT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY.

1 Peter 1:3-9, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Luke 21:29-36

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“Heaven - Will You Be Going There? – Part 3”

The “Who, What, When, Where and Why” of the Future Teachings of the Bible.

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“They have no religion, nor idolatry, except that they all **believe** power and goodness to be **in heaven**. They firmly **believed** that I, with my ships and **men**, came from **heaven**, and with this **idea I have been** received everywhere, since they lost fear of me. They **are**, however, far from being ignorant.”

Christopher Columbus,

Admiral of the Ocean Sea. Journal One.

1 Peter 1:3-9 NKJV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **:6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials **7** that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, **9** receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 NLT

:1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. **2** For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. **3** They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. **4** They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. **5** They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.

Stay away from people like that!

Luke 21:29-36 NKJV

:29 Then Jesus spoke to them by a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. :34 “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

“Heaven – Will You Be Going There?”

1.) Yes – Because You Believe in Him.

Acts 16:31

So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him

Ah but what does it mean to believe in Him?

pisteuo; from 4102; *to believe, entrust*: —believe(118), believed(73), believers(3), believes(29), believing(10), do(m)(1), entrust(1), entrusted(6), entrusting(1), has faith(1).

What is the meaning of biblical “belief” – to believe in such a way that it is acceptable to God – It is the kind of belief that leads to faith.

There is a firm warning in scripture that “belief only” without faith is a damning possibility.

James 2:19

You **believe** that there is one God. You do well.
Even the demons **believe**—and tremble!

Yes! Because You Believe In Him

You Will Be Going To *Heaven*

1a.) Yes – You believe because He has come to you.

2 Peter 3:9b

...but Lord is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to **repentance**.

Remembering Our Prophetic Theme...

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 *“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”* :17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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1b.) Yes – You believe because He has begun a work in you

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal:
“The Lord knows those who are His,”

ginosko; (FOR US TO COME TO KNOW *to recognize, perceive*: —ascertaining (1), aware(7), be sure(m)(4), come to know(1), comprehend(1), felt(1), find out(m)(3), found(2), kept a virgin*(m)(1), knew(13), know(105), know how(1), knowing(3), known(24), knows(13), learn(1), learned(1), perceived (1), perceiving(2), put(m)(1), realize(3), recognize(m)(7), recognized(1), recognizing(1), take notice(1), unaware*(2), understand(11), understood(6), virgin*(1), with certainty(1).

This Work of His Promised Salvation is The Point to Everything

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put **enmity (warfare) between** you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

Psalm 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; ***Do not forsake the works*** of Your hands.

What are the chances that the Lord is going to...
“forsake the works of His hands”?

Ephesians 1:3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. :7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Philippians 1:6

being (BE) confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

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You Will Be Going To *Heaven*

1c.) Yes – You believe because He has spoken life to you

The Battle for Your Mind and Soul

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Matthew 13:1-23

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. :3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" :10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" :11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: "Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. :18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

End of Study

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