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HEAVEN & LIVING FOR ETERNITY

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RECAP OF GROUND COVERED THIS MONTH

- ☑ We are all hard-wired to live forever
- ☑ Sin separates us by nature from our God & leads to death
- ☑ The cross of Jesus deals with our sin separation problem with God
- ☑ At physical death, our body turns to dust but our soul lives on
- ☑ After physical death there is conscious existence in either Paradise or Hades
- ☑ At the end of this age, the bodily resurrection of all deceased people will occur
- ☑ We will all be judged by God
- ☑ Following final judgment, some will be assigned to Hell & some will be permitted into Heaven
- ☑ How we live this current life will determine where & how we spend eternity future
- ☑ There will be rewards in Heaven based on how we live life on earth

HEAVEN

- ❶ It really exists
(Matthew 6:9; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Revelation 21:1-2)
▶ For Additional Study: "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn
- ❷ God is there
(Habakkuk 2:14; Job 19:25-27; Revelation 21:3; 22:4-5)
- ❸ All things will be made new
(Revelation 21:1,5; 1 John 3:2; Isaiah 65:17)
- ❹ There will be no more curse
(Revelation 21:4; 22:3)

HOW TO GET IN WITH HONORS & REWARDS

- ❶ How to get in... (Revelation 20:15; John 3:16)
- ❷ How to get in with honors & rewards

▶ Question: *If people are saved by simply believing in Christ, why bother with all the effort, obedience & sacrifice if we all end up getting the same thing anyway?*

▶ Answer:

- "Living it up in sin" is really death in slow motion
- Restated: Instead of being the best person in Hell, how can I be the worst person in Heaven?
- Don't forget about rewards in Heaven
(1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Timothy 6:17-19)

- I will read Revelation 21 – 22 this week.
- I'm asking Jesus to be my Lord and Savior for the first time today.
- I am recommitting my life to Jesus today.
- I will attend the Baptism Class on Sunday, February 2.



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Lesson Aim: *To grow in our understanding of the reality of Heaven and living with an eternal perspective today.*

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

Ice-breaker: How have you pictured Heaven in the past?

1. Review your notes from last weekend's message. What about Heaven are you looking forward to the most? Why?
2. A key point about Heaven from Pastor Scott's message was that "all things will be made new." This includes being given a new, heavenly body. **READ 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.** What are some things about the "perishable, mortal" bodies we live in today that frustrate you?
3. Use your imagination for a moment. What might it be like to have an "imperishable, immortal" body?
4. Verse 57 tells us that Jesus "gives us victory over sin and death." **READ Colossians 2:11-15 & Ephesians 2:1-10.** According to these verses, how did Jesus defeat sin and death?

5. How can this hope motivate us to "give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord" (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:58)? What might this look like for you in your daily living? Be as specific as you can.
6. **READ the following verses of Scripture.** What do they teach us about eternal rewards given by God based on how we live our lives today?
 - **1 Corinthians 3:10-15:**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:1-10:**
 - **Colossians 3:22-25:**
7. **READ 1 Timothy 6:6-20.** What are the advantages & disadvantages of being rich? Think about this from a spiritual, eternal perspective.
8. Have you ever been the recipient of someone who has been generous with their wealth and/or good deeds? Please share one example and how it made you feel.
9. What opportunities do you have to be generous with your wealth and/or good deeds this week?

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

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