

John 14:1-3 (NIV)

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Matthew 25:32-33 (NLT)

All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33] He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

Matthew 25:34 (NLT)

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.'

Matthew 25:41, 46 (NLT)

...[41] Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'

...[46] And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

We BELIEVE that...
HEAVEN and HELL
are REAL

Matthew 25:32-46

We believe in a **literal Heaven** and a **literal Hell** and that all those who place their **FAITH, HOPE** and **TRUST** in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord.

Those who **reject Jesus' FREE GIFT** of **SALVATION** will spend eternity **SEPARATED** from the Lord. CCA

Matt. 5:3 (NIV) Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of **HEAVEN.**

Matt. 5:22 (NLT) ...And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of **HELL.**

Matt. 25:41 (NLT) Then the King will turn to those **on the left and say, 'Away with you,** you cursed ones, into the **ETERNAL FIRE** prepared for the devil and his demons...

Matt. 25:46 (NLT) And they will go away into **ETERNAL PUNISHMENT,** but the righteous will go into **ETERNAL LIFE.**

Jesus Taught us...

- to **PRAY** - Our Father **IN Heaven**
- to **REJOICE** - that our names are **WRITTEN in Heaven**
- He would **RETURN** - He was going to **Prepare a Place** for us **in Heaven**

Paul Taught...

- Jesus is **SEATED in Heaven** at God's Right Hand
- that **Heaven** is our **FUTURE HOME**
- the Holy Spirit is the **GUARANTEE** we will **be in Heaven**

Peter Reminds us

- we have an **INHERITANCE** kept safely in **HEAVEN** for us

Heaven is Described as... HBD

- God's Dwelling Place - perfect **FELLOWSHIP** with God
- New Jerusalem - perfect **PROTECTION**
- Garden - perfect **PROVISION**

→ What we **BELIEVE** about Heaven
must come from God's **WORD** -
NOT Man's **IDEAS**

Matthew 22:29 (NLT)

...**Your mistake** is that you
don't **know the Scriptures**,
and you **don't know the power of God**.

In every generation and culture, ideas of **eternal life** tend to be based on **images** and **experiences** of **PRESENT** life.

We must not make up our own ideas about God, eternity, and heaven by thinking of them in human terms. HBA

→ **FOCUSING** on Heaven puts things of **EARTH** in Proper Perspective

Colossians 3:1-3 (NLT)

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, **set your SIGHTS on the realities of HEAVEN, where Christ sits** in the **place** of honor at God's right hand. [2] **THINK ABOUT the things of HEAVEN,** not the things of earth. [3] **For you died to this life,** and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

ETERNAL- the same Greek word is used in both instances.

The punishment of the wicked is as **never-ending**

AS the bliss of the righteous.

The **wicked** are **not given a second chance**, nor are **they annihilated.** MacArthur

→ It is **NOT FAIR** - How can a Loving God **SEND** people to **HELL**?

If there was **no PUNISHMENT** of **unbelievers at all**, even people like Hitler and Stalin **would not have pay** for what they did, and **there would be no ultimate JUSTICE** in the universe. Then **people would have incentive to be as wicked as possible in this life.** Grudem

→ **What about THOSE who have
NEVER Heard?**

Romans 1:18-20 (NIV)

The wrath of God is being revealed from
heaven against all the godlessness and
wickedness of men who **SUPPRESS** the
TRUTH by their wickedness,

[19] since **what may be known about God is PLAIN** to them, because **God has made it PLAIN** to them. [20] For since the creation of the world **God's invisible qualities** - His **ETERNAL** power and **DIVINE** nature - have been **clearly seen**, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

**>DESIGN requires DESIGNER -
CAUSE and EFFECT**

→ Hell was NOT created for
Unbelievers

Matthew 25:41

...Away with you, you cursed ones,
into the eternal fire

**prepared for the DEVIL and his
DEMONS.**

John 3:17-18 (NIV)

For **God did NOT send His Son** into the world **to CONDEMN** the world,

but to save the world through Him.

[18] **Whoever believes in Him is not condemned,** but **whoever does not**

believe stands condemned already

because he has **not BELIEVED** in the name of **God's one and only Son.**

→ God does not Save us **MERELY**
so we can Escape **HELL**

Romans 8:29 (NIV)

For those God foreknew

He also predestined to **BE CONFORMED**

to the **LIKENESS** of his Son,

that He might be the firstborn among
many brothers.

Hebrews 10:14 (NIV)

...**by one SACRIFICE**

HE has made **PERFECT** forever
those who are **being made holy.**

Matthew 27:44 (HCS)

In the same way

even the **criminals**

who were **crucified with Him**

kept taunting Him.

Luke 23:39-41 (NIV)

One of the criminals who hung there **hurled insults at him:** "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

[40] But the **other criminal rebuked him.** "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"

[41] **We are punished justly,** for we are getting what our deeds deserve.
But this MAN has done nothing wrong."

Luke 23:42-43 (NIV)

Then he said, "**Jesus, REMEMBER me**
when you come into YOUR kingdom."

[43] Jesus answered him,

"I tell you the truth, **today you will be**
with ME in paradise."