V. HEAVEN WILL BE A REMARKABLE PLACE (21:9-21) It will be like a city (vs 9-11).

"for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Hebrews 11:10

- There will be remarkable surroundings (vs 12-14).
- There will be remarkable space (vs 15-17).
- There will be remarkable stones (vs 18-21a).
- There will be remarkable streets (v 21b).
- VI. HEAVEN WILL BE A REFUGE PLACE (21:22-24)

## **VII.** HEAVEN WILL BE A REVERSAL PLACE (22:1-5)

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." I Corinthians 2:9

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known."

I Corinthians 13:12

# WHEN YOU DIE WHICH DOOR WILL YOU ENTER?

"9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

John 10:9-10

### AFTERLIFE ~ WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?

What Is Heaven Like?

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### INTRODUCTION

A. The afterlife is a reality. People are designed by God to live somewhere forever. Put another way, death is not the end. Death is the entrance into a brand new realm of existence.

This of course raises a lot of questions. Questions like:

What is it like?
Will I see my family and friends?
How do I get there?
What must I do now to prepare?

We will answer these questions and many more!!

- **B.** The Bible describes death and the afterlife as an appointment. Hebrews 9:27 says, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,". Each person will die by appointment. People may be late for a lot of things, but this is one appointment that everyone will be on time for.
- C. There is a lot of confusion about the afterlife. It's ok to be wrong about a lot of things, but don't be wrong about the afterlife. Come and get clarity on the truth about the afterlife as you learn about:

| Oct 9  | Is There Life After Life?           |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Oct 16 | What Is Heaven?                     |
| TODAY  | What Is Heaven Like?                |
| Oct 30 | What Is Hell?                       |
| Nov 6  | What Is Hell Like?                  |
| Nov 13 | Finding Hope And Healing From Grief |
| Nov 20 | Receiving Rewards                   |
| Nov 27 | Live Now For Eternity               |

**D. TEXT**: Revelation 21:1-22:5 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1217/NT)

#### WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

# I. HEAVEN WILL BE A REAL PLACE (21:1-2)

"2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

John 14:2-3

# Heaven is a perfect home where all believers will live with God forever.

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind."

Isaiah 65:17

"11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

II Peter 3:11-13

## **II.** HEAVEN WILL BE A RELATIONAL PLACE (21:3)

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." I John 3:2

"And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 8:11

"34 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.

35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;" Luke 20:34-35

## **III.** HEAVEN WILL BE A RELIEF PLACE (21:4-5)

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Romans 8:18

## IV. HEAVEN WILL BE A RIGHTEOUS PLACE (21:6-8, 27)

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 3:36

"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

I Corinthians 6:11