

## THE REALITY OF HELL

Eternal Realities – Rick Warren  
Parts 1-4

*“Right now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim reflection of reality but one day we shall see reality face to face!” 1 Corinthians 13:12 (AMP)*

### THE REALITIES OF LIFE

1. God made you to love you and wants your love back.
2. You were made to last forever.
3. God has prepared two eternal places.
4. You choose where you'll spend eternity.
5. There is no second chance after you die.

### 1. WHY DOES HELL EXIST?

- **BECAUSE** \_\_\_\_\_
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### 2. WHAT IS HELL LIKE?

*“If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be separated from God—lost forever!”  
1 Corinthians 16:22 (NCV)*

#### GOD IS . . .

Love  
Light  
Good  
Life  
Gracious

#### WITHOUT GOD, HELL IS . . .

Terrifying and lonely  
Complete darkness  
Absolutely nothing good there  
Eternal death and torment  
A place of no grace.

### 3. HOW DO I SETTLE MY ETERNAL DESTINY?

*“I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know with settled and absolute knowledge that you already have life, yes, eternal life!”  
1 John 5:13 (AMP)*

*“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 1 John 5:11-12 (NIV)*

*“At one time you were separated from God. You were his enemies in your minds, and the evil things you did were against God. But now God has made you his friends again. He did this through Christ's death in the body so that he might bring you into God's presence as people who are holy, with no wrong, and with nothing of which God can judge you guilty.” Colossians 1:21-22 (NCV)*

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not Perish but have Everlasting Life.” John 3:16 (KJV)*

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ **I NEED A SAVIOR TO GET TO HEAVEN**

**B** \_\_\_\_\_ **JESUS DIED FOR ME**

**C** \_\_\_\_\_ **MYSELF COMPLETELY TO HIM**

**D** \_\_\_\_\_ **ON GOD'S PROMISE**

### 4. WHAT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY?

*“If I announce that some wicked people are sure to die and you fail to warn them about changing their ways, then they will die in their sins, but I will hold you responsible for their deaths.” Ezekiel 33:8 (NLT)*

*“Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? It's what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”  
Romans 10:13-15 (NLT)*

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*“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits at God’s right hand in the place of honor and power.”*

Colossians 3:1 (NLT)

### WHAT IS HEAVEN?

1. **IT’S** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Lord, I look up to you, up to heaven, where you rule.” Psalm 123:1 (GNT)*

2. **IT’S** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths or rust can’t destroy it, and where thieves can’t break in and steal it.” Matthew 6:20 (NIV)*

3. **IT’S** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.” Matthew 25:34 (NIV)*

*“This is God’s purpose: that when the time is ripe he will gather us all together from wherever we are—in heaven or on earth—to be with him in Christ forever.”*

Ephesians 1:10 (TLB)

*“For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our city in heaven, which is yet to come.” Hebrews 13:14 (NLT)*

### WHERE IS IT?

• **IT’S** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“God looks down from heaven at people on earth to see if there are any who are wise, any who worship him.” Psalm 53:2 (GNT)*

### WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

*“No eye has ever seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)*

#### **NOT IN HEAVEN**

No Sickness  
No Sadness  
No Suffering  
No Sin  
No Death

#### **IN HEAVEN**

Reunion  
Rewards  
Responsibilities  
Rest  
Rejoicing

### HOW DO I GET INTO HEAVEN?

*“The Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven—makes us right in God’s sight—when we put our faith and trust in Christ to save us. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scripture says it, ‘The man who finds life will find it through trusting God.’” Romans 1:17 (TLB)*

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not Perish but have Everlasting Life.”*

John 3:16 (KJV)

### HOW SHOULD I LIVE IF I’M GOING TO HEAVEN?

1. **DON’T BE** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“You are only visitors here on earth. Since your real home is in heaven, keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they are not for you, for they fight against your very souls.” 1 Peter 2:11 (TLB)*

*“If they had wanted to, they could have gone back to the good things of this world. But they didn’t want to. They were living for heaven. And now God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has made a heavenly city for them.”*

Hebrews 11:15-16 (TLB)

2. **DON’T BE** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“This is why we never give up . . . These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won’t last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God’s richest blessing upon us forever and ever! So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all round us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (TLB)*

3. **FOCUS MY ENERGY ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Let heaven fill your thoughts; don’t spend your time worrying about things down here.” Colossians 3:2 (TLB)*

*“I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done.”*

Philippians 3:14 (CEV)

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### 1. "God SO loved the world"

*"God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . He sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." 1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)*

*"What an incredible quality of love the Father has shown us, that we should be permitted to be called and counted as the children of God!" 1 John 3:1 (AMP)*

*"May you be able to feel and understand . . . how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is and experience this love for yourselves." Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB)*

*"Come to Christ, who is the living Foundation of Rock—the cornerstone upon which God builds." 1 Peter 2:4 (TLB)*

### 2. "He GAVE his only begotten Son"

*"Out of sheer generosity God put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ. He sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin." Romans 3:24-25 (The Message)*

*"When we were unable to help ourselves, at the moment of our need, Christ died for us, although we were living against God." Romans 5:6 (NCV)*

*"God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (TLB)*

*"(Since salvation) is by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were by works, grace would no longer be grace!" Romans 11:6 (NIV)*

### 3. "WHOEVER BELIEVES in him"

*"The free gift of eternal salvation is offered to everyone." Titus 2:11 (TLB)*

*"One's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all." Colossians 3:11 (TLB)*

*"God says he will accept and acquit us--declare us "not guilty"—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like." Romans 3:22 (TLB)*

*"We are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:24 (NIV)*

### 4. "Should not perish but have EVERLASTING LIFE!"

*"We are now members of God's own family . . . and God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you . . . and God will make sure that you get there safely to receive because you are trusting him." 1 Peter 1:3-5 (TLB)*

*"What a God we have! . . . Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven, and the future starts now!" 1 Peter 1:3-4 (The Message)*

*"We wait for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us—bodies that will never be sick again and will never die." Romans 8:23 (TLB)*

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