

THE REALITY OF HEAVEN

Eternal Realities – Rick Warren

Parts 1-4

“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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