

ETERNAL OPTIONS

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HEAVEN OR HELL?

- **We will enter one when this life is over.**
- Our body dies but our soul and spirit live on for all eternity.
- If we accept the Bible as truth we must accept the reality of these two places.
- We will live forever in a state of torment in Hell or a state of bliss in Heaven.

HELL

- **There are several references in the Old and New Testaments which warn us of Hell.**
- Several references say it is "down" or "under" the Earth.
- Psa. 55:15, They go down quickly into Hell.
- Isa 14:9, Hell is from beneath.
- 2 Peter 2:4, Angels were cast down into Hell.
- Matt. 11:23, Capernaum is brought down to Hell.
- Hell is not the grave.

- **Jesus gives us a brief description of Hell in Luke 16:19-31.**
- Note the condition of the rich man in Hell:
- He is in a body.
- He is aware of his surroundings.
- He is tormented with thirst and pain in a flame.
- He remembers people and places on Earth.
- He is not yet in the final Hell as found in Rev. 20.
- Hell is eternal separation from good, peace, God.

Hebrews 11:39-40

- Note the condition of Lazarus in Heaven.
- "These were commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect." NIV

HEAVEN

- **Heaven is our other option for eternity.**
- The Bible speaks of three Heavens.
In the creation story there is the sky in the Earth's atmosphere, called Heaven, and the region of outer space beyond our atmosphere, called Heaven. The third is where God is. Isaiah says it is in the sides of the North. Being in Heaven is being with God forever.

HEAVEN (con't)

- The third Heaven will exist in three different forms.
 - The Heaven we now know where saints go at death.
 - The Heaven that will exist on Earth in the 1,000 year reign of Christ after the tribulation.
 - The final new Heaven that comes down after the 1,000 year reign.
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- **What are the conditions in Heaven?**
 - We have a new perfect body that does not age.
 - No more pain or suffering, physically or mentally.
 - Our home is a mansion.
 - We will praise God forever and love doing it.
 - We will eat the best foods we ever tasted.
 - We will forever be in the presence of God.

REWARDS IN HEAVEN

- Matt. 6:4, "Then your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
- Eph. 2:8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works so no man can boast."
- V.10, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." NIV

MAKING A CHOICE

- We will go to one of two places forever.
- We have only a short time to decide.
- Compared to eternity our life here is like the blink of an eye.

Your Choice

