

THE SECOND COMING

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In the 3rd Heaven, God manifests his presence.

Matthew 6:9 Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **Matthew 5:19, 6:32, 7:21, 10:32, 12:50, Mark 1:1, 11:25, John 6:38, 12:28, Acts 7:48-49**

In the 3rd Heaven, Jesus lives presently.

Acts 7:55-56, Hebrews 4:14, Colossians 3:1-2 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth

In the 3rd Heaven, believers will live after death.

Philippians 1:21-24 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. ²⁴ Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. **2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-8**

The Apostle Paul's experience of the 3rd Heaven: **2 Corinthians 12:1-4**

Romans 8:18 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. **Colossians 3:2, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 1 Peter 1:3-8, Romans 8:22-23**

God did not surrender a defeat at Adam and Eve's fall; the Bible's message is one of redemption and glorification. God will renew planet earth to its original condition. We will see this fulfilled partially at the Kingdom Age and completely in the Eternal Age.



CREATION



FALL



REDEMPTION



GLORIFICATION

Matthew 17:1-3, 1 Corinthians 13:12, Luke 16:19-31,

Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body. **1 John 3:1-3**

Luke 24:36-42 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." ³⁷ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³ And He took it and ate in their presence.

The Apostle Paul went into great detail regarding our glorified bodies and how such a promise should motivate us to faithful worship and service. **1 Corinthians 15:35-58**

2 Peter 3:12-13 *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.*

Revelation 21:1-5 *Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful.*

Revelation 21:22-23 *But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*

Within all of the glory of the eternal age, we read three very alarming passages. They stick out like a massive stain on a bride's wedding dress and cannot be ignored.

Revelation 21:8 *But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

Revelation 22:11,15 *He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.*

Throughout eternity we will live in awe of who God is. Everything we know about God will be accurate in our glorified minds, but we will *not* know everything about God. We will never stop learning new things about Him. **Because God is infinite in wisdom, power, and glory, we will learn new things about who He is and what He is able to do throughout eternity.**

Why the three passages about the lostness and hopelessness of the unsaved? **It is God's loving appeal and final warning** *not* to remain in that condition. It is a call of mercy to repent and submit to Jesus Christ and receive all the promises found in Him!

Recommended Reading: **Heaven** by Randy Alcorn

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