HEAVEN IS FOR REAL  
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I. WHY DON’T NON-RELIGIOUS PEOPLE BELIEVE HEAVEN IS REAL OR THERE IS AN AFTERLIFE?

A. For us Baptists and other Christians the Bible is proof enough. But what about people who don’t accept our Bible?

B. There are at least six non Biblical arguments for the existence of God, heaven and the afterlife.

   1. The Argument From Design also called the “Teleological Argument”.
   2. The Argument From Anthropology.
   3. The Argument from Cause-Effect also called the “Cosmological Argument”.
   4. The Argument From Ontology.
   5. The Argument From Morality.
   6. Pascal’s Wager.

II. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THE REALITY OF HEAVEN?

A. There are many people who have said they had a “near-death” experiences then went on to write books and make movies about them.

B. Although such movies tickle our curiosity, Billy Graham once said “God may give some people a glimpse of heaven, although I believe such instances are rare and need to be treated with caution.” (Answers Dec. 6, 2012).

C. Let’s consider 7 things the Bible says about heaven.

   1. First, Jesus is in heaven right now—1 Peter 3:21-22.
   2. Second, Jesus is preparing a place in heaven for Christians—John 14:2.
   3. Third, there millions of angels in heaven—Heb. 12:22.
   4. Fourth, our ultimate residence as Christians is to be heaven—Phil. 3:20-21.
   5. Fifth, heaven is a place where there will be no more sorrow or pain—Rev. 21:4.
   6. Sixth, Jesus will return to earth from heaven someday—1 Thess. 4:16.
   7. Seventh, heaven is a glorious place—Rev.21:23.