

A PLACE CALLED HEAVEN

Answering 10 Questions About Your Eternal Home

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR MY JOURNEY TO HEAVEN? SELECTED SCRIPTURE

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INTRODUCTION: As we wrap up our series on heaven this week and next, we are going to discover six essential preparations for every Christian's inevitable journey to that "place called heaven."

I. Make Sure You Have A Valid **Passport** (Matthew 7:22-23; Romans 5:1)

Matthew 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"

Matthew 7:22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'"

Romans 5:1 "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

1 John 5:11-13 "11...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life."

II. Live With A "**Destination** Mindset" (Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 11:13)

Philippians 3:20 “We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly awaiting for Him to return as our Savior.” (New Living Translation)

Hebrews 11:13 “All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.”

Colossians 3:2 “Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.”

III. Refuse To Allow Your Departure To Paralyze You With **Fear**

Two Reasons Christians Need Not Fear Death

A. Death Is Never **Premature** (Acts 13:36)

Acts 13:36 “David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and underwent decay.”

Psalms 31:15a “My times are in Thy hand;”

Acts 2:23 “This Man [Jesus], delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”

Ephesians 1:11 “Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.”

B. Death Is a Necessary **Transition** to Heaven (1 Corinthians 15:50)

1 Corinthians 15:50 “Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.”

Luke 6:21b “Blessed [literally, “happy”] are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.”

Conclusion