

Subject: The Hope of Heaven – Part 1  
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Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-4

### WHAT IS OUR TRUE DESTINY?

*Psalm 39:4-5, Psalm 90:3-6, 12*

**1 Peter 1:3-4** *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you!*

#### **I. MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN**

What are some of the normal perceptions regarding heaven?

- When we die we \_\_\_\_\_ go to \_\_\_\_\_
- When we get to heaven we'll be \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky
- In Heaven, we'll have these big, gigantic \_\_\_\_\_
- In Heaven, we'll have \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding our heads
- In Heaven, we'll pass time away by sitting on a cloud \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_

#### **II. GOD'S PLAN FOR MANKIND**

*God's plan for mankind is this...*

To those who follow Jesus Christ, God promises a \_\_\_\_\_ life, in a \_\_\_\_\_ body, with the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, on a \_\_\_\_\_ Earth!

#### **Five foundational facts about our future destiny...**

1. Heaven is and will be a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psalm 121:2* My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

*Luke 23:43* "Today you will be with me in Paradise"

2. In Heaven we will have \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Corinthians 15:49* And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

*2 Corinthians 5:1* Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

3. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ Heaven located on a \_\_\_\_\_ Earth.

*Revelation 21:1* Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

*2 Peter 3:13* But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

4. In Heaven we will experience \_\_\_\_\_.

*Hebrews 11:16* Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

5. In Heaven \_\_\_\_\_ will dwell with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Revelation 21:1-3* And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."