

“Heaven” 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

Afterlife—What Happens After We Die?

(Ecclesiastes 3:11; Psalms 16:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Let’s talk about _____!

(2 Corinthians 5:1-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

- **The _____ reside in Heaven.** (Matthew 3:16-17)
- _____ **who have died are in Heaven.** (2 Corinthians 5:8)
- **We exist _____ in Heaven.** (2 Corinthians 5:1-4; Philippians 3:21)
- **We will _____ the resurrection and return with Christ in Heaven.**
(Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)
- **The “Present” Heaven is contrasted with the _____ Heaven and Earth.**
(Revelation 21:1)

The Reality of Heaven for Today!

1. The reality of Heaven establishes _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:1, 5; 4:13-14; Philippians 1:20-21, 25)

2. The reality of Heaven stirs _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:2-4; Romans 8:22-25; 2 Peter 3:9)

3. The reality of Heaven gives us _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:6-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18; Hebrews 11:1)

Afterlife

Week of December 5, 2021

Heaven

2 Corinthians 5:1-8

1. Read **2 Corinthians 5:1-8**. How did God speak to you through the sermon? What challenges did you take away from the sermon?
2. Review what happens when you die. What comfort as a believer do you find from Paul's statement that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord?
3. Talk about the realities of the present Heaven? What questions do you have about Heaven? What are the realities that provide comfort for you? How do they provide comfort for a loved one that is passed? How could you comfort a believer facing death? How would you share with an unbeliever facing death?
4. I Corinthisian 5 gives us three statements that encourage us. How does the reality of Heaven lead to confidence? How does the reality of Heaven lead to urgency for holy living? How does the reality of Heaven provide comfort? Thank God for the promise of Heaven.

Share any insights from your S.O.A.P. Bible reading this week; discuss any challenges that people may be having. Encourage one another in the journey.

Prayer

Pray that God will reveal Himself to you and give you a desire to seek Him.

Pray that God would stir a desire to gather, not based on fear but faith. Thank God for His protection.

Pray that God would manifest His presence, power, protection, and provision in your life in 2021.

Who's your Neighbor?

Pray that God would give you an opportunity to connect in some way with one of your neighbors this Holiday season and that you may take the opportunity to share the "reason for the season."