

AMAZING DISCOVERY 3 IS THERE A REUNION OF THE LOVED ONES IN HEAVEN?

1. FROM A HUMAN POINT OF VIEW

Most people do not like to think about death or talk about it.

- ◆ Most people want to live forever (If it is a sickness and problem-free life) even though we know that physical death is part of our life cycle.
- ◆ Not many can give an adequate answer to this important question, even though it is inevitable.
From a human point of view, **no one knows what happens beyond the grave.**
- ◆ We know this much: When a person dies his or her physical **body is either buried or cremated.** The ashes then become part of the dust of the earth. Beyond that, as human beings we have no knowledge about what happens.
- ◆ Most people who believe in a purely materialistic world think that there is no life after death.
- ◆ Therefore from a human point of view **no one knows whether there will be a REUNION** of our loved ones.

However, from God's point of view I believe that one can be prepared and need not fear death.

2. FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW

The only Person who knows what happens beyond the grave is our Creator God. What does He say about it? When I examined the Christian Holy Bible I discovered the following:

In Luke 16:19-23, Jesus the Son of God said, "There was a certain rich man, who was splendidly clothed and lived each day in mirth and luxury. One day Lazarus, a diseased beggar was laid at his door. As he lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs will come and lick his sores.

- ◆ "Finally the beggar died and was carried by the angels to be with Abraham in the place of righteous dead (*Heaven*).
- ◆ "The rich man also died and was buried and his soul went to the Hell."

THEREFORE, THERE IS A HEAVEN AND A HELL

□ WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

- ◆ Heaven is a wonderful place. The Apostle John wrote in Revelation 21:11, 22, 23, 25, and 27.
- ◆ "It (Heaven, the holy Jerusalem) was filled with glory of God, ... Flashed and glowed like a precious gem, crystal clear like jasper. No temple could be seen in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (Jesus) are worshipped in it everywhere. The believers are REUNITED to worship God.
- ◆ "And the city has no need of Sun and Moon to light it. For the **glory of God and the Lamb light it.**"
- ◆ "Its gates never close; they stay open all day long – and there is no night. **Nothing evil will be permitted in it - no one immoral or dishonest - but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of**

**HEAVEN is a place where the BELIEVERS
could see one another to CELEBRATE and
WORSHIP the LIVING GOD**

Life."

□ WHAT IS HELL LIKE AND WHO WILL BE THERE?

Revelation 20:10 says,

- ◆ "Then the devil who had betrayed them will again be thrown into the Lake of Fire
- ◆ "burning with sulphur where the Creature and False Prophets are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

In Luke 16:23-31 (Jesus continued saying),

- ◆ "There, (the rich man), in **torment**, he saw Lazarus in the far distance with Abraham.
- ◆ "'Father Abraham,' he shouted, 'have some pity! Send Lazarus over here if only to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in these flames.'"
- ◆ "But Abraham said to him, 'And besides, there is a great chasm separating us, and anyone wanting to come to you from here is stopped at the edge; and no one over there can cross to us.'"

□ AN APPEAL FROM HELL ITSELF FOR YOU AND ME!

"Then the rich man said,

- ◆ "'O Father Abraham, then please send him to my father's home— for I have five brothers — to warn them about this place of torment lest they come here when they die.'"

"But Abraham said,

- ◆ 'The Scriptures (*Holy Bible*) have warned them again and again. Your brothers can read them any time they want to.'

"The rich man replied,

- ◆ 'No, Father Abraham, they won't bother to read them. But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will turn from their sins.' But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even though someone rises from the dead.'"

- ◆ Jesus described Hell as, "outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30). In the darkness no one can see one another. There is neither REUNION nor CELEBRATION in HELL.

Think of it. It is an awe-full place to go to.

**HELL IS A PLACE OF OUTER DARKNESS, FIRE,
TORMENT, ANGUISH and THIRST.**

You may be asking, "How can I make sure that I will go to Heaven?"

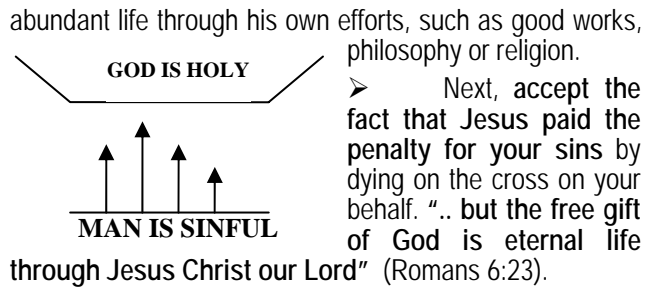
In John 3:16 we read, "God so loved the world, that He send His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Yes, you can make sure that you will go to heaven 'at the end of the day' here on earth by receiving Christ as your Saviour and Lord.

□ HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST?

The following explains how you can receive Christ:

- Agree with God that we have sinned. God says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). This includes you and me. Sin is an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference to God's laws written in our conscience. "The wages of sin is death." [Eternal Spiritual separation from God], (Romans 6:23).

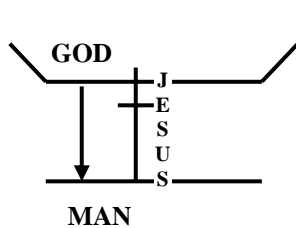
The following diagram illustrates that sinful men are separated from the Holy God by a great gulf. The arrows illustrate that man is continually trying to reach God and the



You may be asking, "What have I to do with JESUS? Why should Jesus die in my place?" As you know, to save a drowning man you need someone who knows how to swim and rescue. Similarly, only a sinless person's death can save sinful people from their sins. **Jesus never sinned** (Hebrews 4:15); therefore He is the **ONLY ONE** found worthy to die in our place to rescue us from eternal death.

- Also trust that Jesus rose from the dead after three days defeating sin and death. "Christ died for our sins ... He was buried... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (God) but through Me" (John 14:6).

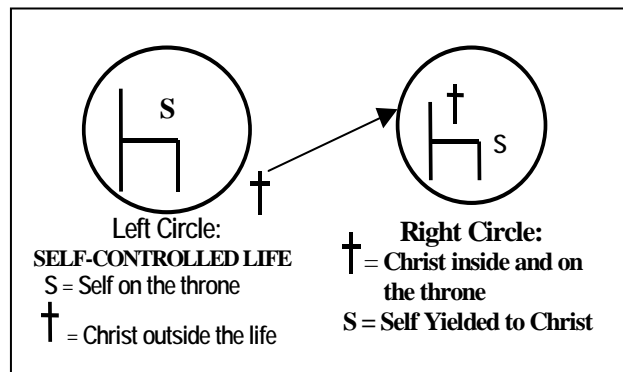


God has bridged the gulf that separates us from God by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins. **Think of it for a moment how much He suffered.**

It is not enough to intellectually know all this; we must individually receive Jesus Christ into our lives by faith as our SAVIOUR and LORD. "But as many as received Him to them He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

- We receive Christ by personal invitation. Jesus is speaking, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him" (Revelation 3:20).

The following circles represent two kinds of lives:



In the above diagram the cross (Christ) is standing outside of the left circle (*person's life*) seeking permission to enter. He will not enter without our permission, because He is not a thief. Jesus said, "Thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). The Right circle shows Christ inside and in control of the person's life. He has received Christ into his life by faith.

- We receive JESUS into our lives by faith through prayer. Prayer is talking with God. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with the words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Amen."

If this prayer expresses the desire of your heart, pray it right now and Jesus will come into your life just as he promised. You invite Him in only once, because He promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). The right circle represents your life with Christ on the control centre. Now THANK HIM that He is in your life. Thanksgiving is as an expression of your **FAITH** in God and His promises. Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith we cannot please God." Now you can know on the basis of His promises that,

- ◆ Jesus came into your life (Revelation 3:20).
- ◆ Your sins were forgiven (Colossians 1:14 and 2:13-15).

- ◆ You have become a child of God (John 1:12).
- ◆ You received eternal life (John 5:24).
- ◆ He will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

"Now we can look forward to the salvation God has promised us. There is no longer any room for doubt, and we can tell others that salvation is ours, for there is no question that He will do what He says" (Hebrews 10:23).

- "And God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in His mighty power, will make sure that you get there, safely to receive it, because you are trusting Him. It will be yours in that last day for all to see. So be truly glad! There is great joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here" (1Peter 1:4-6).

PLEASE SHARE THIS GOOD NEWS WITH EVERYONE YOU LOVE

- Therefore, if you want this REUNION of loved ones in HEAVEN, it is important that everyone must individually receive Jesus Christ as his or her Saviour and Lord. If you really love them, you will want to share this discovery with your family and friends without delay. Without the promises of God, we will be desperate when we face death because fear will grip our souls and spirits, and overwhelm us with no hope.

Where there are NO PROMISES there is NO HOPE

- Don't let your life's destiny go unresolved. **Get right with God today.**

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