

The Doctrine of the Future – Part 1

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Introduction to the Doctrine of the Future: *For What Do We Hope?*

- For What Do We Hope **Personally?** (Part 1)
 - Concerning **Death**
 - Concerning **Heaven**
 - Concerning **Hell**

- For What Do We Hope **Generally?** (Part 2)
 - Concerning the **Second Coming of Christ**
 - Concerning the **Millennium**
 - Concerning the **Final Judgment**

Our Hope Concerning Death: *The Doctrines of Death and the Intermediate State*

- What is Death?
 - Death is **Threefold in Meaning:**
 - **Physical** Death (James 2:26; Ecc. 12:7)
 - **Spiritual** Death (Ps. 51:5; Eph. 2:1)
 - **Eternal** Death (2 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 21:8)
 - Death is **Caused by Sin** (Gen. 2:15-17; Rom. 5:12)



- Death is **Unnatural** (John 11:35; 1 Cor. 15:26, 54-55; Rev. 20:14)
- Death is **Transitional** (Rev. 6:9-11; Luke 16:19-31)
- What Happens Upon Death?
 - **Believer's Souls Go Immediately to the Intermediate State:** (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23)
 - Why we don't believe in **Purgatory**
 - Why we don't believe in **Soul Sleep**
 - Why we don't believe in **Praying for the Dead**
 - **Unbeliever's Souls Go Immediately to Eternal Punishment** (Luke 16:24-26; Hebrews 9:27)

Our Hope Concerning Heaven: *The Doctrine of Heaven*

- **What is Heaven?** (Hebrew: *Shamayim*; Greek: *Ouranos*)
 - **Atmospheric** Heaven (Genesis 7:11-12; Psalm 147:8; Acts 14:17)
 - **Planetary** Heaven (Genesis 1:14-17)
 - **Third** Heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2-4)
 - **New** Heaven and Earth (Revelation 21:1)

- **What is Heaven Like?**
 - A Place of **Familiarity** (Revelation 21:1)
 - **Look** Like Earth
 - **Feel** Like Earth
 - **Be** Like Earth
 - A Place of **Change** (Revelation 21:2-3)
 - We'll **Be Like** Him
 - We'll **Know** Him
 - We'll **See** Him
 - A Place of **Freedom** (Revelation 22:3a)
 - Free from **Sin**
 - Free from **Sorrow**
 - Free from **Suffering**
 - A Place of **Fulfillment** (Revelation 22:3b)
 - Never **Dull**
 - Never **Useless**
 - A Place of **Fellowship** (Revelation 22:4-5)
 - We'll **Belong** to Him
 - We'll **Reign** with Him



○ **What is Heaven Not Like?**

- A Place of **Clouds and Harps** (Revelation 21:1-4)

- A Place **Unknown** (1 Cor. 2:9)

- A Place to **Visit** (Heb. 9:27; John 17:17; 2 Cor. 12:3-4)

- A Place **Identical with the Intermediate State** (Revelation 21:1-3; 22:3)

- A Place **Without Resurrected Bodies** (Mt. 19:28; Acts 3:21; Isa. 11:6-9)

- A Place of **Boredom** (Rev. 13:6; 22:3)

- A Place of **No Identity** (1 Thess. 4:14-18; Job 19:26-27)

Our Hope Concerning Hell: *The Doctrine of Hell*

- **What is Hell?**
 - **Sheol**, Hebrew for “the grave” or “abode of the dead.” Used 65x in OT

 - **Hades**, Greek for “realm of the dead.” 11x in NT

 - **Tartaros** Greek for “lowest spot in Greek Hades.” 1x in NT (2 Pet. 2:4)

 - **Gehenna** Greek transliteration of Hebrew *ge-hinnom* “valley of Hinnom.” 12x in NT (11x by Jesus)

- **What is Hell Like?**
 - A Place of **Retribution** (Romans 2:5-6)

 - A Place of **Imprisonment** (1 Peter 3:19; Rev. 20:7)

 - A Place of **Chains** (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6)

 - A Place of **Stripes** (Luke 12:48)

 - A Place of **Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth** (Mt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22-13; 24:51;25:30; Luke 13:28)

 - A Place of **Abyss** (Rev. 9:1-2; 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1,3; Luke 8:31)



- A Place of **Outer Darkness** (Matthew 8:12)
 - A Place of **Destruction** (2 Thess. 1:9)
 - A Place of **Torment** (Luke 16:23,28)
 - A Place of **Worms** (Isa. 14:11; 66:24; Mark 9:44-48)
 - A Place of **Fire** (Luke 16:24; Mark 9:49; Rev. 20:15)
 - A Place of **Second Death** (Rev. 19:20; 20:10)
 - A Place of **Wrath** (1 Peter 1:17; Heb. 10:29)
 - A Place of **Eternity** (*aionios*, “eternal” used 7x to describe hell)
- **What is Hell Not Like?**
 - A Place of **Annihilation**
 - A Place of **Reincarnation**
 - A Place of **Purgatory**
 - A Place of **Emptiness (Universalism)**
 - A Place of **Make Believe (Humanism)**
 - A Place of **Second Chance**