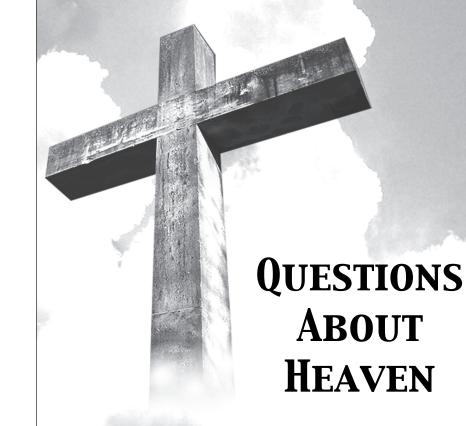
Will we learn in heaven?

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV)

and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that <u>in the coming ages</u> he might <u>show</u> the <u>immeasurable riches of his grace in</u> <u>kindness toward us in Christ Jesus</u>. Ephesians 2:6–7 (ESV)



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Questions About Heaven

What is **Purgatory**?

This is why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sins." 2 Maccabees 12:45 (NJB - Catholic Bible)

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that <u>by means of</u> <u>these the world that then existed was deluged with water</u> and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 2 Peter 3:5–7 (ESV)

that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Romans 8:21 (ESV)

Consequently, <u>he is able to save to the uttermost those who</u> <u>draw near to God through him</u>, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, <u>and the blood of Jesus his Son</u> <u>cleanses us from all sin</u>. 1 John 1:7 (ESV)

For <u>Christ died for sins once for all</u>, <u>the righteous for the</u> <u>unrighteous</u>, <u>to bring you to God</u>. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, 1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

There is therefore <u>now no condemnation for those who are</u> <u>in Christ Jesus</u>. Romans 8:1 (ESV)

Will we eat meat in heaven?

And God said, "Behold, <u>I have given you every plant yielding</u> seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. Genesis 1:29–30 (ESV)

Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Genesis 9:3 (ESV)

What is Soul Sleep?

For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing... Ecclesiastes 9:5 (ESV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going. Ecclesiastes 9:10 (ESV)

BUT...

and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7 (ESV)

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 1 Corinthians 15:51 (ESV)

Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be <u>away</u> <u>from the body and at home with the Lord</u>. 2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)

I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is <u>to depart</u> <u>and be with Christ, for that is far better</u>. Philippians 1:23 (ESV)

Does it matter if I am <u>cremated</u> or <u>buried</u>?

And <u>many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall</u> <u>awake</u>, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2 (ESV)

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Can I desire <u>heaven</u> if I know I won't be <u>married</u> to my <u>wife</u> there?

And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, Luke 20:34–35 (ESV)

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and <u>I am saying that it refers to Christ</u> and the church. Ephesians 5:31–32 (ESV)

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. <u>My flesh and my heart may</u> fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:25–26 (ESV)

Will there be <u>animals</u> in the new heavens and earth?

And of every living thing of all flesh, <u>you shall bring two of</u> <u>every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you</u>. They shall be male and female. Genesis 6:19 (ESV)