

**Sermon Notes, October 11, 2020**  
***What Happens When I Die?***  
Sermon Series: Heaven On Our Minds  
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10, Pastor Mark Friz

**Preface. March 13, 1994 . . .**

**Introduction. Dreams . . . , Funerals . . . , Imagining Heaven . . .**

*“Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is . . . ;  
set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”* Colossians 3:1-2

**Series Overview.**

1. The Intermediate Heaven, or \_\_\_\_\_ Heaven.

- . . . the place where Christians go when they die
- . . . the place where we wait for the resurrection
- . . . the place where we wait for the second coming of Christ
- . . . a glorious place.

2. Our Resurrection \_\_\_\_\_.

- . . . what happens at Christ’s second coming.
- . . . what will our resurrected bodies be like?

3. The New \_\_\_\_\_ and New \_\_\_\_\_.

- . . . heaven will descend to earth
- . . . earth will be renewed and revived.
- . . . “Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.”

## **The Intermediate Heaven.** 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10.

*[16] So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. [17] For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, [18] as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

*[1] For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. [2] For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, [3] if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. [4] For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. [5] He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

*[6] So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, [7] for we walk by faith, not by sight. [8] Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9] So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. (ESV)*

**Warning.** A Barna poll shows that for every American who believes they are going to Hell, there are \_\_\_\_\_ who believe they're going to Heaven.

*“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it” (Mt. 7:13-14).*

## **Affliction Makes Us Long for Heaven.**

*“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed: always carrying in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies” (2 Cor. 4:8-10).*

*“So, we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16).*

# A GLIMPSE INTO THE INTERMEDIATE HEAVEN

(Where Christians Go When We Die)

## 1. Heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_ Place.

- 2 Cor. 5:1: It is a building, a \_\_\_\_\_, a heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.
- In John 14:2. *"In my Father's \_\_\_\_\_ are many \_\_\_\_\_ . . . I go there to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you."*
- Revelation 6, the saints in heaven are \_\_\_\_\_ in white robes.
- In Revelation 10, the Apostle John \_\_\_\_\_ things and \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- In Hebrews 11, heaven is called *"a better \_\_\_\_\_."*

## 2. Heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_ Place.

- *"Our light, momentary afflictions cannot be compared to the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven" (4:17)*
- Heaven is \_\_\_\_\_. *"a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (5:1)*
- No more \_\_\_\_\_. *"For while we are still in this tent, we groan . . ." but in heaven, what is mortal will be "swallowed up by life" (5:2,4).*
- We will be with \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul says, *"we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (5:8).*

*"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. . . My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account" (Phil 1:22-24).*

Ex. A Near Death Experience #1.

Ex. A Near Death Experience #2.

3. Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_ About \_\_\_\_\_.

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