

# THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN

John 14:2-4

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** There are very few who believe that death brings total extinction, that all is over when one's human life ends. Most people believe in a "hereafter" of some sort. Some believe that they will come back to earth in some other form, depending upon how they lived their human life and then some believe that they will go to some place where the men will have several beautiful women to tend to their needs. There are many "beliefs" about eternity. The Bible reveals the truth about eternity and it is real, having two places that exist - heaven and hell. To go to heaven, the only way is through God's Son, Jesus.

## I. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN

1. Jesus has prepared a place for those who believe in Him:
  - Jesus told His disciples before being crucified *"...for I go to prepare a place for you..."* - John 14:2
2. Jesus will personally come for those who believe in Him:
  - Jesus told His disciples that He would come back for them - John 14:3
  - Paul wrote about Jesus' coming back for believers - 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17
3. Jesus will be the one who determines who will go where in eternity:
  - As shown in the final judgment scene in Matthew 25:31, 41
  - Paul described the scene as well in 2 Corinthians 5:10
4. Jesus is the One who makes eternal life so wonderful:
  - Believers will be together with God who will be among them - Revelation 21:1-4
  - Believers will be the very "temple" in which God will be - Revelation 21:22
  - Jesus will be the very light of Heaven - Revelation 21:23
  - Jesus is the one who makes eternal life what it is - 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23

## II. JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE WHEN HE WAS HERE

1. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people:
  - Nobody is going to accidentally stumble into heaven - Matthew 7:13-14
    - Jesus said that not all that many will find it because they are just not prepared for it.
  - Jesus used several parables to stress the point of being prepared:
    - The parable of the "wedding feast" - Matthew 22:1-2, 11-14
    - The parable of the "ten virgins" - Matthew 25:1-13
  - Jesus preached the "sermon on the mount" and stressed the same point - Matthew 7:21-23
    - Being "religious" does not ensure one of eternal life in heaven.
    - To enter heaven, one must do the Father's will and that is to believe in Jesus.
2. Hell is the other eternal place where people will spend eternity:
  - Hell is prepared for those who are unprepared - Matthew 25:41, 46
  - It is a terrible place as described by Jesus - Revelation 20:10-15; 21:8
  - It is the place where people will stumble into accidentally:
    - Where most people will end up - Matthew 7:13-14
    - The place for those who "know not God" - 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
      - Those there will be punished with everlasting destruction.

## CONCLUSION:

1. There is such a thing as "eternity" and every human being is going to go there upon his/her death.
  - There is a terrible place (hell) awaiting those who:
    - don't know God
    - didn't obey the Gospel and believe in Jesus Christ.
2. God has made a way for every human being to spend eternity in the other place called "heaven" and that is through believing in His Son, Jesus Christ.
  - Jesus came here to earth to make the ONLY way for a person to escape the terrible place of hell.
  - God has declared that "whosoever" believes in His only begotten Son, Jesus, will have eternal life in heaven.
3. If one does not accept Jesus then he/she is destined:
  - to live his/her life without God's help.
  - to die in his/her sins.
  - to be forever separated from God.
  - to go through eternity in eternal damnation.
4. God has made the ONLY way to have a better life, to be forgiven of one's sins, to have a loving and close relationship with Him and to spend eternity in His prepared place of glory and that is by believing in His Son, Jesus.
5. What is YOUR standing at this moment? Are you doing what God has said for you to do in order that YOU might have eternal life? Belief in Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to heaven.