

Life is Beautiful!

1 Cor. 15



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The Glories of Heaven



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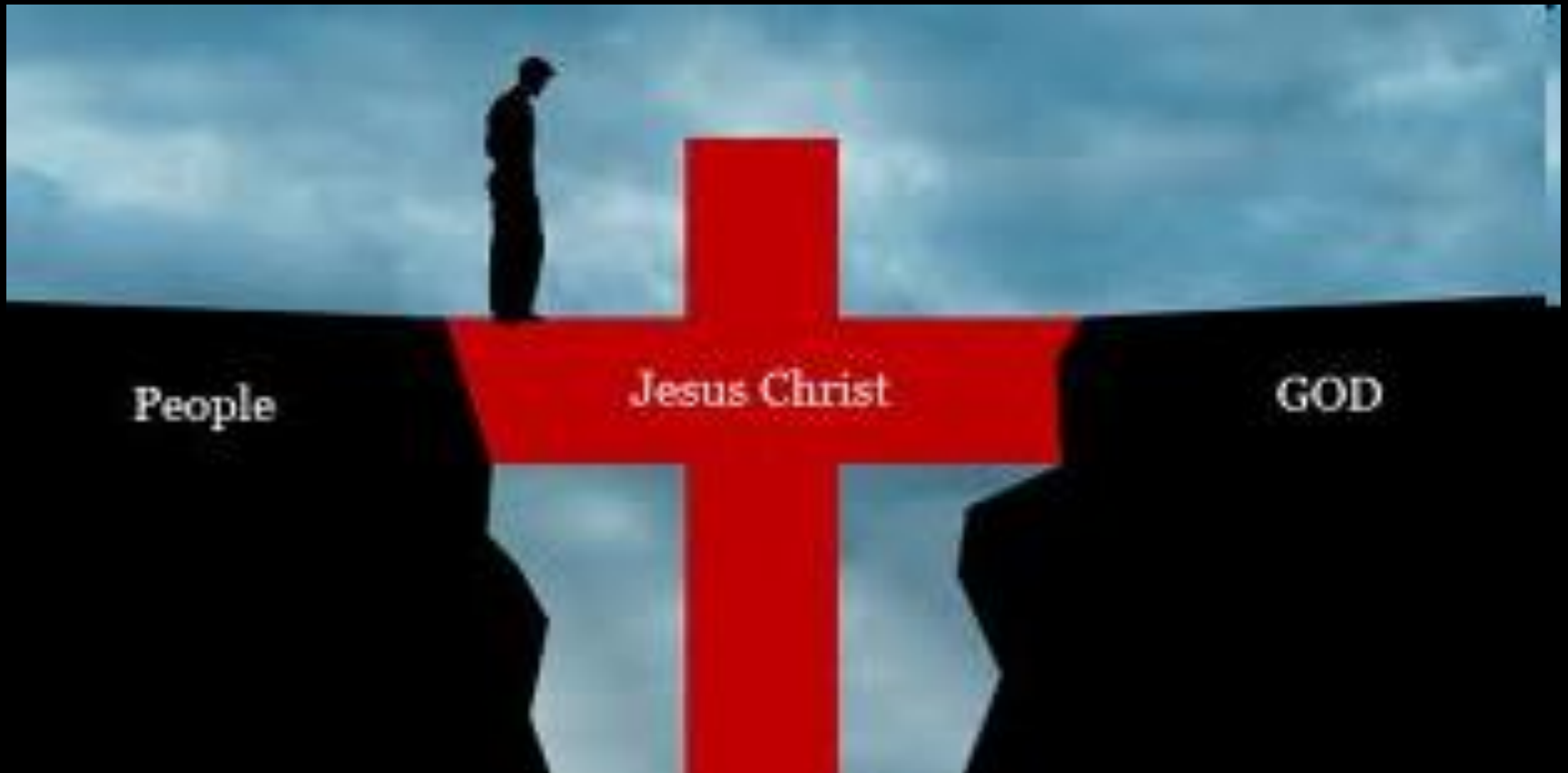
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- ❖ The glory of God's mercy and saving grace

God's mercy and saving grace



Jesus Christ died to save us



A close-up photograph of a single, vibrant green leaf sprouting from a mound of dark, rich soil. The leaf is pointed and has a visible vein structure. The background is a soft-focus field of similar soil, creating a sense of depth and natural growth.

The Gospel of Life!

- Changes my past
- Enables my present
- Guarantees my future

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2 Samuel 12 – David & Bathsheba's son
vv. 22 -23

And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

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2 Samuel 12:23-24

“...I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. And David comforted Bathsheba his wife...”

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Answer: I believe so. 2 Sam 12. Heaven will reflect the glory of God's mercy and saving grace.

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- Romans 1:18-20

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

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- Romans 1:18-20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

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■ Jeremiah 29:11-13 (ESV)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

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- How about pp who have never heard of Christ, say in a tribal village somewhere? Will they be excluded from heaven?

Answer: God can and will reveal Christ to those who sincerely seek God. Heaven will reflect the glory of God's mercy and saving grace.

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- ❖ The glory of God's mercy and saving grace
 - ❖ The glory of God's eternal perfection

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Psalm 90:2,4

Before the mountains were born or you
brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God...

For a thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.

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Rev. 21: 4.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

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- What age will we be when we get to heaven? Will we stay that age forever?

Answer: The Bible does not indicate specific ages. Time passes differently in heaven. The effects of earthly aging i.e. pain and death will not be there. Heaven will reflect the glory of God's eternal perfection.

Will I recognize you in Heaven?



Because God is infinitely creative, our resurrected bodies will be:

- different from our earthly bodies (vv.35-44)
- like Christ's resurrected body (vv.45-49)

The “Intermediate State”

- There will be new heaven and new earth

Rev 21:1

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”

The “Intermediate State”

- 2 Cor 12:2ff

I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)...

The “Intermediate State”

- 2 Cor 12:2ff

How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities...

The “Intermediate State”

- Moses and Elijah at the Mount of Transfiguration

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Answer:

There will be a new heaven and new earth. The present heaven (1st heaven) is therefore known by some as the intermediate state.

Bible gives examples of pp who have gone to heaven and they are fully recognizable in bodily form, although they have not received their final resurrected bodies.

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- The book about the story of the boy who went to heaven and back is interesting. Does the Bible say nobody can go to heaven and come back?

Answer: The Bible records glimpses of heaven. We should rely on the Biblical data as the basis of our beliefs.

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- ❖ The glory of God's mercy and saving grace
 - ❖ The glory of God's eternal perfection
 - ❖ The glory of God's worthy kingship

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Phil. 2: 9-11

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Rev. 4:10-11

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

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Rev. 21: 22-26

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

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Rev. 21:22-26

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

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Rev. 22: 3-5

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Perfect relationships

- Unbroken fellowship with God

Heaven : because God is there

“Behold the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God” Rev. 21:3.

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- What will we do in heaven? Sorry for sounding rude, but will we just sing and sing and sing?

Answer: We will all be productively engaged in worshipping and serving God. He will be our sufficiency. Heaven will reflect the glory of God's worthy kingship.

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- The glory of God's mercy and grace
 - We will praise Him with gratitude!
- The glory of God's eternal perfection
 - We will enjoy perfect eternal (ageless) relationship with Him and others forever!
- The glory of God's worthy kingship
 - We will worship and serve Him productively!

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