

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—sinus surgery recovery
- ◆ Florene Howze—hip, back pain
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—epilepsy; more tests; trying meds for 2 years
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Dee Dee Armstrong—heart problems
- ◆ Travis Barrow—dog attack recovery
- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Albert Davis—kidney stones
- ◆ Chloe Fleming (Jason's niece)—tests for stomach pain
- ◆ Keith Grimes—excellent bloodwork results recently
- ◆ Briana Howze—pancreatitis
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynne's mother)—health problems
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer

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- ◆ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, first responders, police officers, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, the church at Baker and worldwide.

Events



Nov. 11
Men's Meeting

Nov. 28th
Fourth Wednesday Singing

No fellowship meals in December or January

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

To Our Visitors

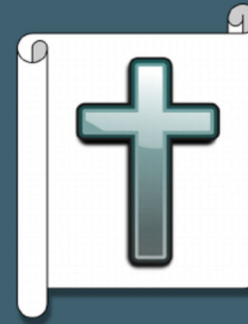


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—David Howze (Sun.)
 Caleb Howze (Wed.)
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Mark Howze,
 Rick Laux, Josh Lawson
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Glenn Howze
 Helper: Rick Laux
Scripture Reading—Caleb Howze



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 5:30PM Pew Packers
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Heaven: Its Types and Figures

Jon Gary Williams

The thoughts of most Christians pertain to this present life. We think of our home here on earth, the family into which we were born, the hour of our marriage, the time when we begin to contemplate having our own home, as well as many other material things. These things are certainly important, but there is another place - - another home - - that is far more important.

We, of course, are speaking our eternal home, the home of the soul. This is a place which should be of profound interest to us. To entertain the thought of heaven will make us more spiritually minded and less concerned about worldly things. It will help remind us that this present world is not our true abiding place, but is only a temporary dwelling abode for our physical being.

The Bible gives us many descriptions of the heaven. These are found in the forms of types and figures which help us grasp the true significance of heaven.

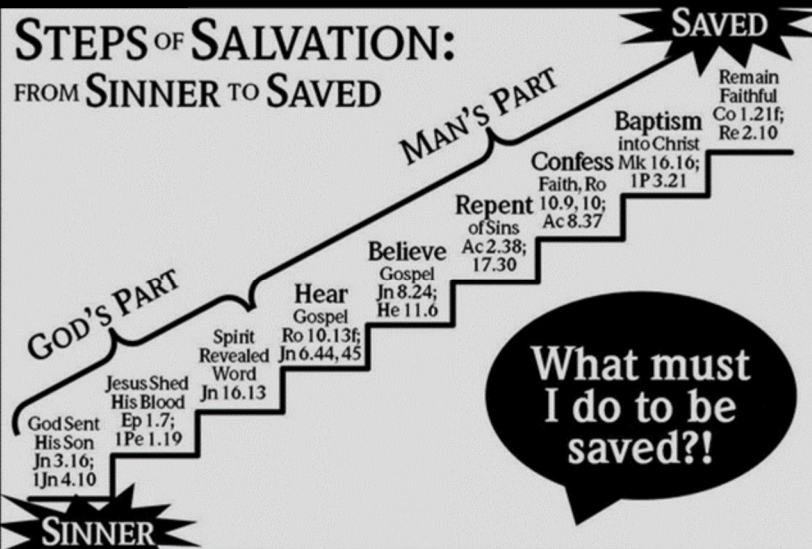
Types Describing Heaven

Garden Of Eden

Eden's physical garden exemplifies heaven. The original garden was a place of sinlessness; in the eyes of God it was

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).



What must I do to be saved?!

"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

hallowed. Likewise, heaven is a place where no sin is known and where absolute holiness will forever characterize its inhabitants. Found in the garden of Eden was the "tree of life" (Gen. 2:9). In heaven is found the spiritual "tree of life" (Rev. 2:7). Heaven will be a place of pure beauty and splendor beyond anything we can imagine.

Land of Canaan

Canaan was the wonderful promised land of the Jews. It was described as a land of abundance, a land "flowing with milk and honey" (Ex. 3:8, 17). Heaven is also a wonderful place of promise. It holds an abundance of riches beyond anything we can envision. In heaven we will receive a "crown of righteousness" (II Tim. 4:8). In contrast to the afflictions of this life, heaven will be "an eternal weight of glory" (II Cor. 4:17).

Jerusalem

Jerusalem was to the Jewish nation the greatest and most famous city in the world. It was their highly exalted "Zion," so named because this was the mount on which the city rested (Psa. 147:12). Likewise, heaven above is referred to as God's exalted city, "Zion" (Rev. 21:2). It is, indeed, the "New Jerusalem" (Rev. 3:12).

Most Holy Place

The Jewish temple had two sections. The first section, the "holy place," made up two thirds of the temple and was a type of the church. The second section was the "most holy place," where the ark of the covenant was located, and into which the high priest entered to offer blood sacrifices (Heb. 9:1-3). This was a type of the wonderful, glorious heaven where Jesus ascended to offer His blood for our sins (Heb. 9:23, 24).

Jewish Sabbath

The Sabbath of the Mosaic law was the Jewish day of rest (Ex. 16:23). The word Sabbath means "rest." In contrast, in heaven a much greater rest is pictured. It is the ultimate "rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). We are to labor to "enter into that rest" (Heb. 4:11).

Figures Describing Heaven

A Place

Heaven is an actual place and not just a fanciful idea. Jesus specifically described heaven as a "place" (Jn. 14:2,3). This is the eternal home of the Father (Matt. 6:9). From this place Jesus came to earth and following His resurrection He returned there (Acts 1:9-11). Jesus said this place contained "many mansions" (Jn. 14:2) which is where the redeemed will abide.

A City

In giving a symbolic, figurative picture of heaven, the apostle John said he was shown a great city descending from God (Rev. 21:2). The scriptures tell us that Abraham "waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). Also, of all the faithful of old we read that God "has prepared for them a city" (Heb. 11:16). The great cities built by man intrigue and impress us, but they all fade into obscurity when compared to the eternal city, heaven.

A Kingdom

The apostle Paul referred to heaven as the "heavenly kingdom" (II Tim. 4:18), and the apostle Peter spoke of it as the "eternal kingdom" (II Pet. 1:11). While the Lord's church is God's kingdom on earth (Matt. 16:18,19; I Thess. 2:12), heaven is God's everlasting, perpetual kingdom.

A Victorious Crowning

We are told that heaven will be a victory for the redeemed. This victory is exemplified with the figure of a crown. The Bible teaches that faithful Christians will receive a "crown" (I Cor. 9:25). We are told that this crown is a "crown of rejoicing" (I Thess. 2:19). The apostle Paul said that he and all faithful Christians can anticipate a "crown of righteousness" (II Tim. 4:8). The apostle Peter said this crown would be the "crown of glory that does not fade away" (I Pet. 5:4).

An Inheritance

For all of God's faithful, heaven is pictured as a wonderful inheritance. The Bible speaks of this inheritance as "the riches of the glory of His inheritance" (Col. 1:18). Christians are spoken of as "partakers of the inheritance of the saints" (Col. 1:12). The saved will "receive the promise of eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9:15). The apostle Peter said this is "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Pet. 1:4).