

# THE “HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN” SERIES

## ROMANS 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### EARTH TO HEAVEN, ARE YOU THERE ? – PART 3

*A SERIES ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP, HOLINESS  
AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER.*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Devotion, Holiness, Revival, Christianity, Heaven

We're In A New Series Called:

### “HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN”

*and it's my desire to make this series **super practical**  
and **devotional** and **transformational***

**Our “Theme” is Found in Romans Chapter 12**

#### Romans 12:1-2

I **beseech** (urge, personally challenge, plead) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present** your **bodies** a living sacrifice, **holy**, **acceptable** to God, *which is your reasonable service*. :2 And do not be **conformed** to this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewing** of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God**.

**Our “Theme” Verse is Found in Hebrews Chapter 12**

#### Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and **holiness**,  
For without which **no one will see the Lord**:

There Is No Heaven without **Holiness** – God's Holiness

# EARTH TO HEAVEN – ARE YOU THERE ?

*“HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN”*

1.) Understanding us being human

1a.) The **complexity** of who we are

1b.) The **purpose** of our existence

1c.) The **meaning** of what matters

2.) Awakening to the greatest of needs

2a.) That there is **something missing**

2b.) That there seems to be **no answer**

**??? What Answers to This life  
Does The World Really Have for You ???**

## Not Getting an Answer Can Be

One of the Most Dangerous Things That Can Happen to a Person...  
Because a loss of hope will cause us to seek out an answer...

## Our New Godless, Secular America Tells

**your children** – *There’s no God, but there is a U.N. that will take care of you.  
you don’t need faith in Jesus, **the government** will provide for you.*

### Proverbs 14:12

There is a way *that seems* right to a man,  
But its end *is* the way of death.

## It’s Inappropriate to Tell a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

### Jesus Christ Said John 10:10

“...I have come that you may have life, and that you  
may have *life* more abundantly.”

# It's Inappropriate to Tell a 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

Moses - Exodus 20:13

"You shall not murder.

## But Just Maybe Tonight - You're Starting to Think...

Is There a Heaven ? Why Is There a Heaven /  
How Do I Get from Here to There ?

### AWAKENING TO THE GREATEST OF NEEDS

2c.) That there is a **desperate hope**

Imagine with me for a moment;

"let's make a collective assumption tonight - - that heaven exists, If our assumption is true; **wouldn't you want to be there?"**

There's a "desperate hope" in Every Human Being  
To **receive** or **earn** or **discover** heaven !!!

*but wait - listen - - how do I get from here to there?  
How do I get past the gates and inside?*

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

*No one gets past the gates without knowing the owner.*

Why do you think God wants you in heaven ?

When most people don't even want you around?

The **concept** of heaven // The **desire** for heaven  
The **reality** of heaven // The **access** to heaven

**John 10:7**

Then Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door** of the sheep.

**John 10:9**

**I am the door**. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

**John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, “**I am the way**, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**??? Who Do You Know That Has a Better Answer Than That ???**

*Because...*

**Ephesians 2:5-9**

even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), :6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, :7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. :8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

*Because...*

**1 John 4:8**

He who does not love does not know God, **for God is love**.

The Lord wants you in heaven because His very nature is “love” and love distributes, shares, gives out.

*But...*

**Psalm 99:9**

Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; **For the LORD our God is holy**.

And that is why “**holiness**” is an issue of great need for us as human beings.

# EARTH TO HEAVEN – ARE YOU THERE ?

“*How Do We Get From Here To Heaven*”

## 3.) Searching for the reality of redemption

### 3a.) We desire to be restored

#### Psalm 29:2

Give unto the LORD *the glory due to His name*;  
Worship the LORD *in the beauty of holiness.*

You & I cannot live the Christian life on our own – impossible !!!

#### 1 Peter 1:15-16

but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,  
:16 because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”

## Restoration 101

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 **And such were some of you.** But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

## SEARCHING FOR THE REALITY OF REDEMPTION

### 3b.) We want things to be real

People Are Looking for What's Real – To a Point.

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Being a **Holy Offering** is Required in Our Worship

### Have You Noticed

That you cannot walk into a bookstore without seeing volume after volume of; **"How To Books"** on everything from "how to bake a cake to building a house, from restoring a car to learning how to fly...

those **"How To Books"** makes a thing possible

**"I want to ask for your help in joining with me in this ministry"**  
*after tonight will you extend your influence to others by being a real worshipper after you leave the building ?"*

## SEARCHING FOR THE REALITY OF REDEMPTION

3c.) We long for things **to change**

### **Identity Theft is a Strange Thing.**

Someone assumes your identity without becoming you.  
They only look like you in **data-form**.

**But When The Lord Changes Us – It's Complete !**

#### **Colossians 3:1-3**

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. :2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. :3 For you died, and your life is **hidden with Christ** in God.

#### **Micah 7:19**

You will again have compassion on us; You will **tread our sins underfoot** and **hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

#### **Psalm 103:11-12**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; :12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. – **that's pretty holy !**

I Want To Challenge You Personally &  
This Church Collectively...

*“will you join-up with me in a radical, serious, awesome mission  
in the pursuit of God?”*

“A Deeper - More Personal Relationship with God”  
is our goal, our aim and our bold intent.

**!!! We Begin the Series with a Vow,  
a Covenant with The Lord Tonight !!!**

will you “arise” for Jesus Christ  
and present yourself to Him fully this day?

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*End of Study*

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