

_____ people to to heaven... and I am a _____ .
_____ is a _____ target.

Heaven: Who Goes There?

_____ people don't go to heaven, _____ people do.
(Romans 3:9-10,20; Matthew 5:20, 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 1:16)

Do you believe _____ was right? (Luke 23:42-43)

God offers _____ for us before He asks _____ from us.
(John 3:16-18; Romans 5:6-10)

What are you _____ in to receive _____ ?

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

How would you describe the word "good"? And where does the concept of good come from?

This weekend we talked about "goodness" and how it relates (or doesn't!) to our life in heaven. Even though the Bible describes us as broken people needing to be redeemed - aka we are not *good* - we are still capable of good! ***What is the most "good" thing you've either seen done or been a part of?*** (ex: *Night to Shine* or a *food-packing event*)

[DIGGING DEEPER]

"It is after you have realized that there is a real Moral Law, and a Power behind the law, and that you have broken that law and put yourself wrong with that Power -- it is after all this, and not a moment sooner, that Christianity begins to talk." - CS Lewis

The above quote comes from the book *Mere Christianity*. One of the most common arguments against the existence of God, and therefore heaven as well, is the 'amount of evil in the world.'

However, Lewis makes the point: how can we identify what is wrong/evil if we have no concept of what is right/good!?! And more importantly, where does that sense come from in the first place?

Read the following passages and write out a reflection or two about how they bring clarity to human's relationship with God and our 'goodness' (or lack thereof).

James 4:12-17

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Matthew 22:37-40

Often it seems like when we think or talk about the desire or need to be *good people*, there's typically a reason about being rewarded in this life or the next. ***How does the view of the afterlife tend to affect people? And what do you think most people trust in for their eternal security?***

As disciples of Jesus, how would our view and belief of the Kingdom of Heaven affect our lives here on earth? (2 Peter 3:11-14)

When it comes to heaven, we often have an idea of what we think it will be like and look like. ***When you think of heaven, what comes to mind?***

Interestingly enough, the Bible doesn't spend a whole lot of time describing what heaven will *look* like - rather, much more effort is given to describe the effects of being in God's presence. In essence, heaven isn't about a place in the clouds to retreat from this earth! More importantly, heaven is about being in God's presence, worshiping and glorifying our Lord and Savior, for the rest of time! ***So, what is heaven going to be like? Here are some descriptions of heaven below. Take some time to read them and write out what is being depicted.***

John 14:1-3

Revelation 7:9

Revelation 21:4

1 Corinthians 13:12

Matthew 13:41-43