

"AFTER DEATH? HEAVEN?"

I. INTRODUCTION

- One certainty (Death!) • Two options (Heaven or Hell??)

II. FOUR OBSERVATIONS ON DEATH

A. One: Death Awaits Us All

(Eccl. 3:1-2^a; Heb 9:27-28)

B. Two: Christ Has Conquered Death

(1 Cor 15:22; Ro 8:38-39)

C. Three: Believers Thrive After Death

(1 Cor 15:50-57)

D. Four: There is Life After Death

(Phil 1:21-26; Jn 14:1-4)

III. CHART: AFTER DEATH (See Chart Below)

IV. DESCRIPTIONS OF HEAVEN

A. A Place Better Than the Present

B. A Place Without a Taint of Sin

C. A Place Without Sorrow, Sickness, or Death

D. A Place of Indescribable Beauty

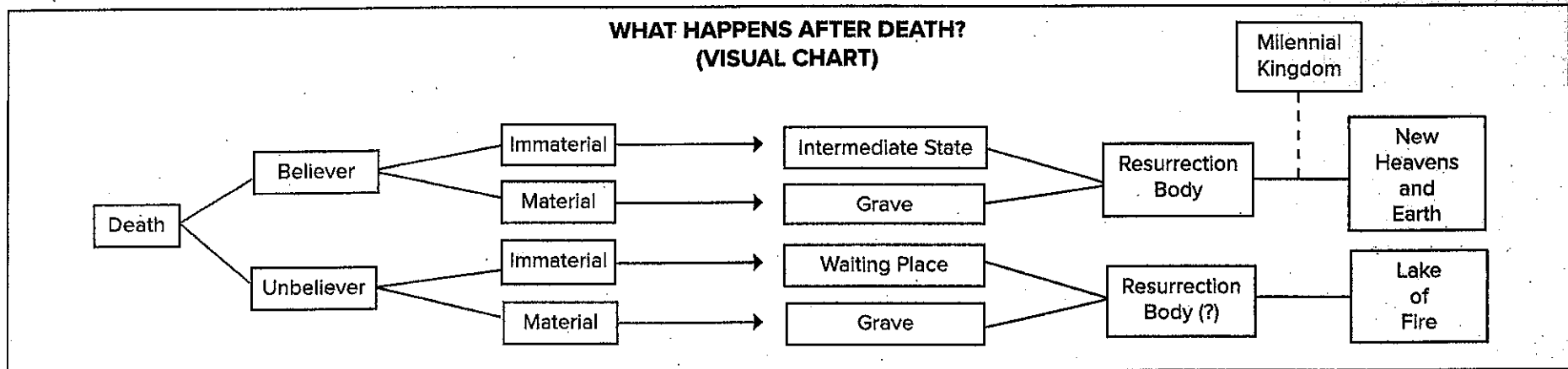
E. A Place of Worship, Service, Abundant Life and Joy

V. DESTINATION: HEAVEN

- One Way

- Amplified Version (Jn 14:1-6)

"Do not let your heart be troubled (afraid, cowardly). Believe [confidently] in God and trust in Him, [have faith, hold on to it, rely on it, keep going and] believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and I will take you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going; so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.



1. Death is a topic that most people want to avoid. Why do you think that is so?
2. Death is not a destination, but simply a doorway. Agree or Disagree? Why or why not?
3. How do you think people would describe their view(s) on heaven?
4. Heaven can be described as a Person and a Place. Your thoughts?
5. All roads lead to the same place. Everyone will eventually end up in heaven. Agree or Disagree?

**WHAT WE ASSUME
ABOUT HEAVEN**

**WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
ABOUT HEAVEN**

Non-Earth

New Earth

Unfamiliar; otherworldly

Familiar; earthly

Disembodied

Resurrected (embodied)

Foreign

Home (all the comforts of home with
all the innovations of an infinitely
creative God)

Leaving favorite things behind

Retaining the good;
finding the best ahead

No time and space

Time and space

Static

Dynamic

Neither old (like Eden) nor new and
earthly; just strange and unknown

Both old and new

Nothing to do;
floating on clouds

A God to worship and serve;
a universe to rule; purposeful work
to accomplish; friends to enjoy

No learning or discovery; instant
and complete knowledge

An eternity of learning
and discovering

Boring

Fascinating

Loss of desire

Continuous fulfillment of desire

Absence of the terrible (but presence
of little we desire)

Presence of the wonderful (everything
we desire and nothing we don't)