

Heaven: An introduction  
Part 1

Longing for our real home

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As human beings, we have a terminal disease called \_\_\_\_\_  
The current death rate is \_\_\_\_\_

“Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days;  
let me know how fleeting is my life. You have made my days a  
mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before  
you. Each man's life is but a breath.” Psalm 39:4-5

**How do I know that heaven is real? Because...**

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ tells me so.**

- The place of heaven is mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Bible.

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 3:20

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”  
Colossians 3:1

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ told me so.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”  
John 14:1-3

**3. Our hearts have \_\_\_\_\_ for such a place.**

“Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven.”  
Lam 3:41

C.S. Lewis wrote: “Most of us find it very difficult to want “Heaven” at all – except in so far as “Heaven: means meeting again our friends who have died. One reason for this difficulty is that we have not been trained: our whole education tends to fix our minds on this world. Another reason is that when the real want for Heaven is present in us, we do not recognize it.”

**Recognizing the “want of heaven”  
Have you ever wondered why, you ...**

- Want to go on a great vacation?  
Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_
- Want a beautiful home that perfectly fits your needs and wants?  
Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_
- Ache for genuine intimacy?  
Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_
- Are constantly on the look-out for a more meaningful job?  
Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Our hearts have felt the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.**

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. *He has also set eternity in the hearts of men*; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” Ecclesiastes 3:11