

6 MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE ABOUT HEAVEN

Dear Friend,

Have you ever wished you knew exactly what heaven looks like? What we will look like when we get there? If that is two of your heavenly questions, you are not alone. Even some of those who do not think they will get into heaven are curious about what it will look like. Since this is an article about 6 mistakes; this is not going to be about heaven and things associated with it. Instead... it is about fact and fiction regarding heaven!

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1. **All roads lead to heaven:** This is a mistake that is as old as the Old Testament. Theologically it is called universalism. The Unitarian Universalist Church has held this belief since its inception. Truthfully, a majority of non-Christians hold this belief. There is only one way to heaven: salvation by Jesus Christ.
2. **When I die, I will just go to sleep until The Resurrection.** This is called: soul sleep. When I was a young Christian I held this belief, I didn't know differently. When you die, your soul goes straight to heaven – you do not sleep in the ground.
3. **Heaven is filled with see-through bodies:** Not true. Though details are not clear; we will get a temporary body until Christ's second coming.
4. **Heaven will be boring:** Not true. Some people have the perception we turn into angels, float on a cloud and play a harp. We will be busy worshiping God on his throne. Worship that far exceeds anything we can imagine. We will fellowship, perhaps with the new Earth we will have work to do – but work in a way that is pure joy.
5. **Some people have to spend time in purgatory:** Not here to hurt our Catholic Christian friends, but purgatory is only in the Apocrypha (not a part of the Protestant Bible) and not even accepted by Catholics until around 1270 A.D.
6. **"If I go to heaven, I'll party with friends":** Really, really, really not true. Hell is described as a place of loneliness (no connection with others), abandonment, fire, torture, and pain. That's a party I want no part of.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Al Carter (pancreatitis), Glenna Stanley (broken rib), Safe summer for children