

# Your Next Steps

**If you sincerely** asked the Lord to be your Savior, here's how to "follow through" and become a strong Christian:

1. Follow Jesus Christ by studying and obeying the Bible, God's Word. (John 8:31–32)
2. Pray often for guidance, strength, and purpose. (Philippians 4:6–7)
3. Go to an active Bible teaching church every Sunday. (Hebrews 10:25)
4. Tell someone every day about Jesus and His wonderful gift of eternal salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)



# HEAVEN

God Made the Way  
for You to Get There

# Important Truths about Heaven from God's Word

Heaven is a place beyond our sky that is as real as any place on earth. Jesus promised His disciples, *"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"* (John 14:2). The word "place" that the Lord used here is the word from which we get our word "topography," details of specific locations—real places. **Heaven, then, is not an imaginary fantasy of someone's wishful dreams, but rather a real place perfectly designed for real people.**

■ **Heaven is God's home,** where His throne is, from which He watches the lives of all people and rules His universe, *"The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men"* (Psalm 11:4).

■ **Heaven is and always will be sin-free,** *"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defleth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which*

*are written in the Lamb's book of life"* (Revelation 21:27). What is sin? Sin is any failure to do what God says. Some common sins in our society today are adultery, murder, theft, irreverence, disrespect, arrogance, stubbornness, rebellion, drug abuse, drunkenness, cruelty, profanity, and self-centeredness.

■ **Heaven can be entered only by people who come through Jesus Christ.**

*"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6). *"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ... he was buried, ... he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"* (1 Corinthians 15:3–4). To everyone who has been cleansed from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ God's Word says, *"Absent from the body... present with the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 5:8).

■ **Heaven is the alternative to paying the penalty of your own sin,** separated from God forever in the torments of a literal, fiery Hell (Matthew 25:41, 46; Revelation 21:8). God does not want you to choose Hell; you can choose Heaven, *"The Lord is... not willing*

*that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* (2 Peter 3:9).

■ **Heaven is the future eternal home of all Christians.** The constant expectation of being in Heaven with Jesus Christ at any moment is the source of the believers' joyfulness: *"Rejoice because your names are written in heaven"* (Luke 10:20).

■ **Heaven is ready now for you.** Are you ready for Heaven? Are you ready now to let the Lord Jesus Christ forgive you and cleanse you to make you ready for Heaven? *"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"* (John 6:37). It is now up to you to let Jesus save you (Matthew 16:24–26). Any time

later may be way too late to decide, *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Corinthians 6:2).

*Right now—turn away from sin and turn your life over to Jesus Christ; ask Him to save you and reserve your place in Heaven! "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"* (Romans 10:13). God promised!

*An inheritance reserved in Heaven for you... through faith.*

1 Peter 1:1–4