

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1*

*I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent...In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:7+10*

## **What will life be like on the new heavens and earth?**

*Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. Isaiah 65:17*

*In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 2 Peter 3:13*

*...the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. Romans 8:21*

*...must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets Acts 3:21*

*And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment - to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. Ephesians 1:9-10*

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# Hebrews

*Fix Your Eyes  
On Jesus*



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## One Breath Away – Hebrews 10:24-25

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“She went on and told me all about the good place. She said all a body would have to do there was go around all day long with a harp and sing, forever and ever. So I didn’t think much of it... I ask her if she reckoned Tom Sawyer would go there, and she said, not by a considerable sight. I was glad about that, because I wanted him and me to be together.” (*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, pg. 6)



## There are two heavens

*We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8*

*I saw a new heaven and a new earth... I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.’ Revelation 21:1-3*

*Christoplatonism - The belief that matter is evil and spirit is good. The Bible does NOT say this.*

## What will our life be like in the present heaven.

*...Today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43*

*...to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.. 2 Corinthians 5:8*

*...those who die are with Christ... Philippians 1:23*

*“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, a where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” Luke 16:19-31*

**Nobody lost their identity**

**There is pleasure and pain**

**There is a great chasm that can not be crossed**