

“HEAVEN JUST AHEAD”

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John 1:1-5,14,18; 3:12-13,16

I. The Amazing Plan of God

A. God loves you and has a plan for your life

B. John 11:26 – You will never die

C. I Cor. 15:35-58 -- The resurrected body

D. II Cor. 5:4; I Cor. 15:55 -- This life is not really life

E. Gen. 3:22; John 3:16 – A Christian’s physical death gets them back to Eden.

II. The Absolutes of Heaven (John 1:1-5, 14; 3:13)

A. Light – Rev. 22:5; Isa. 30:26

B. Life – I Cor. 15:55; John 1:4

C. Love – John 3:16 (In the New Testament love is the theme.) The Omni’s

III. The Authenticity of NDE (Near Death Experiences)

A. **Two distinct types** of NDE 1.) From those who died; 2.) Those who came back to tell of their experience

B. Those who came back usually fall into **two categories**

1.) Those who “Hovered” 2.) Those who saw glimpses of “Heaven”

C. The Criteria for Authenticity:

- 1.) The NDE must be compatible with and not contrary to the Bible.
- 2.) The report must not include seeing Jesus as we use the term (John 1:18)
- 3.) The report must not include a visit into heaven and then a return (John 3:13)

Examples: "The Boy Who Went To Heaven" -- "Heaven is For Real"

IV. The Applications

- A. Visions of God – Three ways He appeared in Bible
- B. Glimpses of Heaven
- C. A restored Eden (Ezek. 36:33-35; Joel 2:1-3; Rev. 2:7, 22:1-2,14; Isa. 35:1-10; Isa. 43:18-20; Isa. 51:3)
- D. Other elements: Singing, Light vs. Darkness, Theories, The Occult, etc.

V. A New Heaven and Earth – Rev. 21; Isaiah (several places)

VI. Questions Usually Asked and Other Questions