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Paul's Vision

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

INEXPRESSIBLE WORDS

I know a man in Christ...

...who fourteen years ago -whether
in the body I do not know, or out of

Ephesians 1:18

*I pray that the **eyes of your heart may be
enlightened**, so that you will know what is
the hope of His calling, what are the **riches
of the glory** of His inheritance in the saints.*

God knows -
caught up to the

...whether in the body or apart from
the body I do not know, God knows -

4 was **caught up into Paradise** and
heard **inexpressible words**, which a
man is not permitted to speak.

“It’s not that I am afraid to die.
I just don’t want to be there when it happens.”

“king of terrors”

*4 My heart is in **anguish** within me,
And the **terrors** of death have fallen
upon me.
5 Fear and **trembling** come upon me,
And **horror** has overwhelmed me.*

Psalm 55:4-5

No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because death is very likely the single best invention of life. It is Life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new.

Steve Jobs

The TRUTH about the day of our death:

Facts about **DEATH**:

1. Death is the cessation of the biological functions of the body, with a subsequent disintegration of the flesh back to the dust of the earth from whence it came and at the same time the spirit is released from the body.
2. Death is **inevitable** (Hebrews 8:28)
3. Death is merely a separation of the *spirit* from the physical *body* (James 2:26)
4. After death the spirit remains **conscious**.
5. Death is a *temporary* state.





The **PRECIOUSNESS** of the day of our death

Knowing that God cares gives us peace of mind.



Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the **death** of His godly ones
(Psalm 116:15)

“**Blessed are the dead** who die in
the Lord from now on!”
(Revelation 14:13)



For those of us in Christ,
understanding the truth about the
precious day of our death makes one
eagerly desire the blessings of that day.

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Our Home





....such a man was **caught up**
to the third heaven

Genesis 1:1; 8; 14-18

- a. The **dwelling place** of God
- b. A **spiritual place**
- c. A **Place of 'No Mores'**

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The 3 Heavens

3rd Heaven

(God's abode) - eg: Psa 2:4

2nd Heaven

(Sun, Moon, and stars)

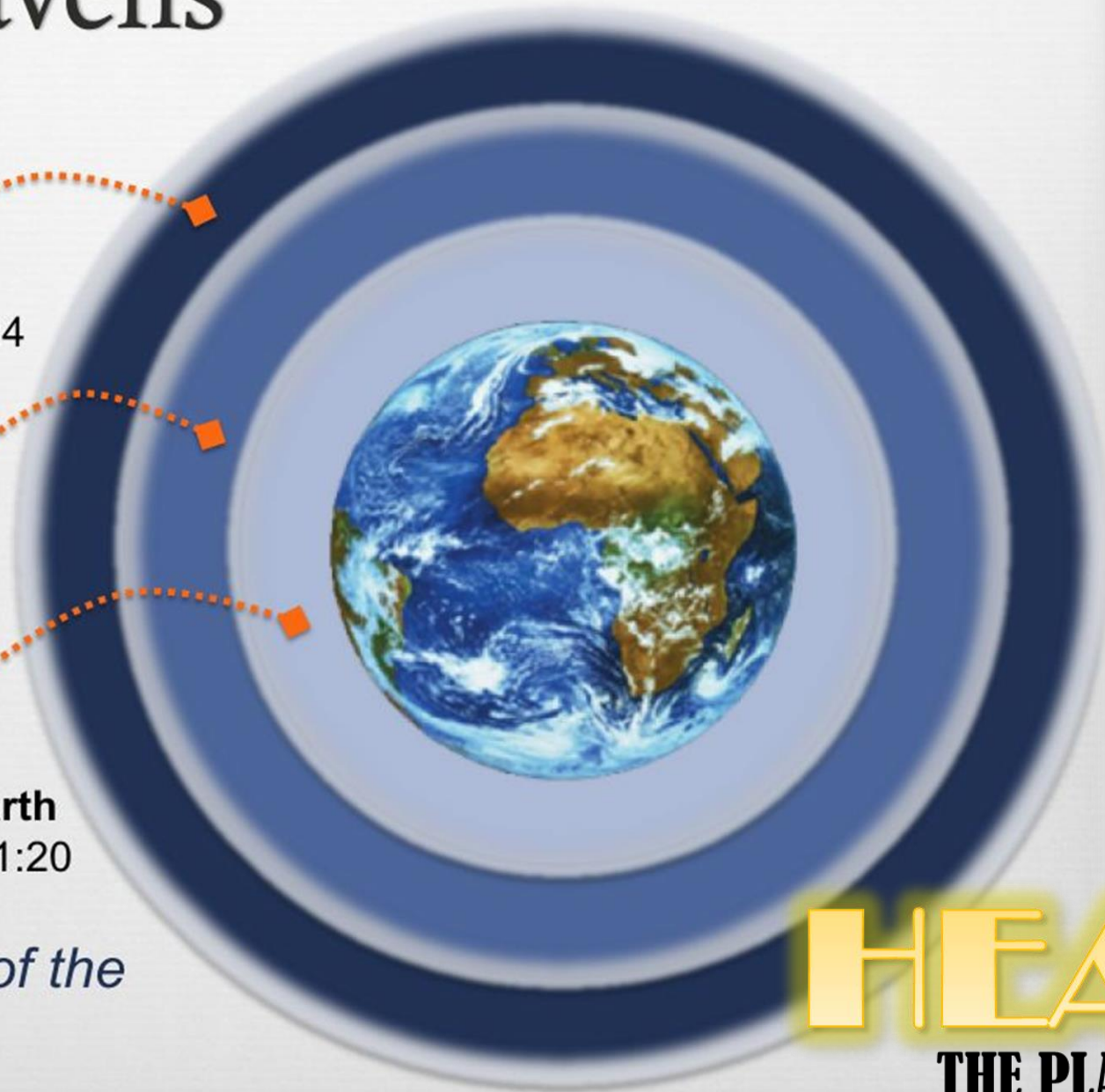
- eg: Gen 1:16-17

1st Heaven

(atmosphere above the earth

- Satan's rule) - eg: Gen 1:20

Eph 2:2 "prince of the
power of the air"



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Psalm 115:16

The heavens are the heavens
of the LORD, but the earth He
has given to the sons of men.

The Three Heavens of the Bible



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1. The Dwelling Place of God

John 14:2; Psalms 115:16; Matthew 5:34; Acts 7:48,49

How do we get there?

2. A Spiritual Place

John 4:24 (Luke 24:35); 1 Corinthians 15:50

- 'Non-physical'**
- No time
 - No dimension/boundaries
 - No Bodies and no eating
 - No marriage

3. A Place of **'no mores'**

[2 Corinthians 4:18](#)

...while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are **temporal**, but the things which are not seen are **eternal**.

A Place of 'no more'

Revelation

1. No more **hunger** (7:16)
2. No more **thirst** (7:16)
3. No more **heat** (sweat) (7:16)
4. No more **tears** (21:4)
5. No more **death** (21:4)
6. Nor more **mourning**
or **crying** (21:4)
7. No more **pain** (21:4)
8. No more **curse** (22:3)
9. No more **night** (22:5)
10. Nor more **need** of
a lamp or **sun** (22:5)

...for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd.... and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

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The **BLESSINGS** on the day of our death

The blessings of the both the promises and the place make us eager.



Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, '**Blessed** are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!' "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may **rest** from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

1) Life is difficult - Ecclesiastes 2:22-23

Psalms 90:10

2) Death ends those difficulties - Hebrews 4:9-11

2 Timothy 4:6-8,18; John 19:20

‘IT IS FINISHED’



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3) Death places us in the presence of God –

Acts 7:59 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

- Indeed in this house we groan, **longing** to be clothed (intense lust/desire)
- Prefer rather to be **absent** from the body
- And to be **home with the lord**

Countless Numbers!

Revelation 7:9-10

Philippians 1:23

But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having **the desire to depart** and be with Christ, for that is very much better.

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4) The Spiritual Blessings –

Revelation 2 & 3

- 2:7 the right to eat from the **tree of life**
- 2:11 will not be hurt by the **second death**
- 2:17 given *some* of the hidden **manna**
- 2:26 “TO HIM I WILL GIVE **authority** OVER THE NATIONS”
- 3:5 “I will not erase his **name** from the **book of life**,
and I will **confess** his name before My Father”
- 3:12 “I will make him a **pillar** in the temple of My God”
- 3:21 “I will grant to him to **sit** down with Me **on My throne**,
as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne”

....but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."



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1 Corinthians 2:9