

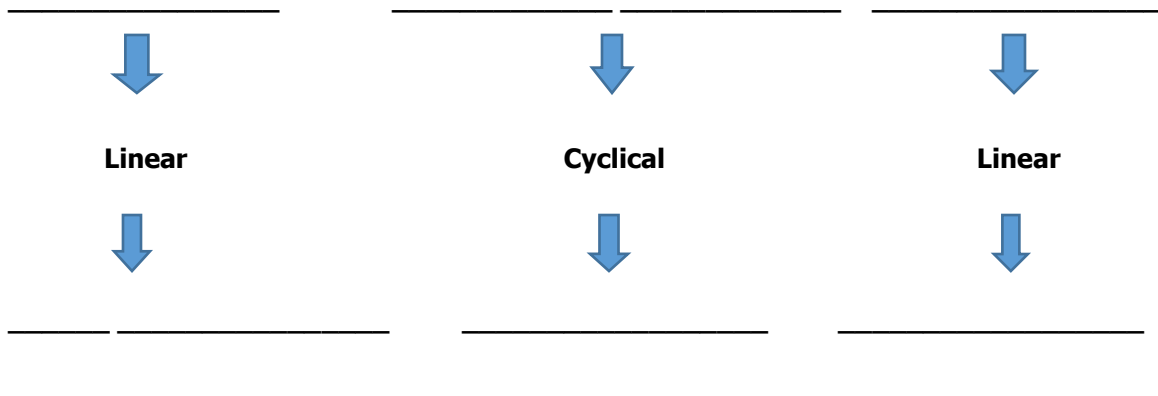
**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**  
**Part 4: THE HEAVEN QUESTIONS**  
**AUGUST 27, 2017**

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

**QUESTIONS**

**IF, IN FACT, THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH, THEN WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE? CHRISTIANS TALK ABOUT "GOING TO HEAVEN", BUT THEY NEVER SEEM TO BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE WHEN THEY GET THERE.**

**THREE AFTERLIFE OPTIONS**



"Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him." Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV)

"God 'will repay each person according to what they have done.' To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, He will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger." Romans 2:6-8 (NIV)

**FIVE THINGS THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT HEAVEN**

**HEAVEN WILL BE...**

"Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left...One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.'" Luke 23:32-33, 39-43 (NIV)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.”

John 14:1-3 (NIV)

- **My \_\_\_\_\_ will live on after death.**

2. \_\_\_\_\_

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.”

Revelations 21:4 (NIV)

“About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was transformed, and His clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about His exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem. Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus’ glory and the two men standing with him. As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, “Master, it’s wonderful for us to be here! Let’s make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them. Then a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to Him.” Luke 9:28-35 (NLT)

“And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Matthew 8:11 (NLT)

- **I will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

3. \_\_\_\_\_

“Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon His glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones ...”

John 19:28 (NLT)

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.”

Isaiah 65:17 (NIV)

“Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.”

Revelation 21:1-2 (NIV)

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“... Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.”

I Corinthians 15:42-44 (NLT)

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“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

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"Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."  
Revelation 21:27 (NLT)

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_

"Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done."  
Genesis 2:1-3 (NIV)

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."  
Genesis 2:15 (NIV)

"No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him."  
Revelation 22:3 (NIV)

- **God is a worker, and as His \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ I am created to \_\_\_\_\_.**

"In His defense Jesus said to them, 'My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working.'"  
John 5:17 (NIV)

"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"  
Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

#### 5. \_\_\_\_\_

"I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?'"  
I Corinthians 15:50-55 (NIV)

### MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ....

- Recite Isiah 11:1-9 each day this week.
- Invite an unchurched friend to the Fair net Sunday.
- Read Scripture App – GNG’s Bible Reading Plan for this year. Free, downloadable app. New Testament begins August 23, 2017.
- Think Bible Podcast – find at GoodNewsGathering.org (under the Resource Tab). New episodes will be posted weekly.
- Listen to the following lesson series on-line at the GNG website:
  - 2-5 to 2-26 Thinking About The Bible
  - 3-5 to 4-16 Thinking About The Beginning

For those who struggle with reading, you can access the following tools:

- YouVersion Bible App – several translations of the Bible are available in audio format on that app.
- BibleGateway.com – fully searchable website with numerous Bible translations. Several versions can be read to you on that site.

- **Join us next SUNDAY at the Highland County Fair – Multi-purpose building at 10:00 A.M.**