

The world is no longer perfect and holy since the Fall of mankind. Our faith and hope are in Christ Jesus and His promise that He will deliver us from this cursed world. This present earth and heavens today are temporary and as believers we will be given a new home in the new heavens and earth that awaits us for eternity. The new heavens and earth will be without curse and sin, and we will serve Christ as our King and reign with Him.

- Phil 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
- 2 Cor 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
- 1 Cor 15:50-52 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- Rev 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”
- Rev 22:3-5 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.
- Matt 10:37-40 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.
- John 14:1-3 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.
- Heb 1:10-12 “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.”

Discussion Item 1: *Do you see yourself as an eternal being? (describe)*

Discussion Item 2: *How are you living for an eternal hope in Heaven?*

Life Application: *Identify areas in your life that you need to change from a worldly perspective to an eternal, heavenly perspective as a citizen of heaven.*

Helpful Definition:

Lord – The Supreme Being; Jehovah. (*Webster*)

Note: When Lord, in the Old Testament, is printed in small capitals, it is usually equivalent to Jehovah. Jehovah the special and significant name (not merely an appellative title such as Lord [Adonai]) by which God revealed himself to the ancient Hebrews (Ex.6:2, 3). This name was held by the later Jews to be so sacred that it was never pronounced except by the high priest on the great Day of Atonement, when he entered into the most holy place. Whenever this name occurred in the sacred books they pronounced it, as they still do, "Adonai" (i.e., Lord), thus using another word in its stead. (*Easton*)

Notes:

Proverb 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

Psalms 14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.