

HEAVEN REVEALED

HEAVEN REVEALED: A NEW HOPE FOR THE NEW YOU

Aloha everyone, I'm Mark if we haven't met and I want to welcome you to our service. This is the last week of teaching in our series, Heaven Revealed and next week we will have our Pastor's Panel to discuss any unanswered questions about Heaven.

At the beginning of our series we established the importance of understanding Heaven. If we don't know what Heaven is like we won't be able to fulfill the Lord's Prayer to contend for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven, (Matthew 6). Having a clear understanding of Heaven will empower us to live with an eternal perspective and purpose.

In Week 2 we traveled back to the future. We saw that God's plan for creation is not destruction but restoration. So in order to know how God will restore creation we saw what it was like in the beginning. In Genesis we saw a perfect world in which God and man reigned together in perfect unity. This gives us a glimpse into what God has in store for the future.

So we know that the future plan of creation is the reunification of Heaven and Earth. But that hasn't happened yet. So what is heaven like now? What happens when we die now? Pastor Mike gave us a beautiful glimpse into Heaven now or the intermediate Heaven.

But we know that that is not Heaven's final form. God will eventually reunite Heaven and earth. Before that happens God will rapture His Church and return to judge all of creation. Last week Pastor Theresa gave us a powerful message on the Judgment seat of Christ. We saw that there are actually two judgment seats. God will judge all people on their faith (did they believe in Jesus for salvation from sin) and also on their works (how did we live our lives here on earth). The Judgment seat of faith will determine our eternal destination. The Judgment seat of deeds will determine our eternal reward.

