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EXTRAORDINARY LIFE SERIES

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (MSG)

## “THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE!”

**11** Because we know that this extraordinary day is just ahead, we *pray* for you all the time - *pray* that our God will make you *fit* for what he's called you to be, *pray* that he'll *fill* your good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something. - **2 Thessalonians 1:11 (MSG)**

**13** Now we do not want you to be uninformed, believers, about those who are asleep [in death], so that you will not grieve [for them] as the others do who have no hope [beyond this present life]. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again [as in fact He did], even so God [in this same way—by raising them from the dead] will bring with Him those [believers] who have fallen asleep in Jesus. **15** For we say this to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are still alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede [into His presence] those [believers] who have fallen asleep [in death]. **16** For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel and with the [blast of the] trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain [on the earth] will *simultaneously* be caught up (raptured) together with them [the resurrected ones] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord! **18** Therefore comfort *and* encourage one another with these words [concerning our reunion with believers who have died]. – **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (AMP)**

*“Unless we purposely live with a view to the next world, we cannot make much out of our present [one].” – Charles Spurgeon*

**What is Death to a Believer? It's a TRANSFER from One place to Another**

*“People don't Die, they Transfer”*

“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” - **2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV)**

*“We don't grieve because they're dead, we grieve because they're absent from our Presence”*

# What About Heaven?

## A. HEAVEN IS A REAL PLACE

The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. – **Revelation 21:16 (NIV)**

## B. HEAVEN IS THE RIGHT PLACE

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)**

## C. HEAVEN IS A RELATIONAL PLACE

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. – **Revelation 22:2 (NIV)**

## D. HEAVEN IS A REWARDING PLACE

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. – **Revelation 22:12b (NIV)**

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. – **Matthew 16:27 (NIV)**

## Living for Eternity

### 1. REFOCUS MY ENERGIES

**19** Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. – **Matthew 6:19-20 (NLT)**

*Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth ‘thrown in’: aim at Earth and you will get neither.” – C.S. Lewis*

### 2. REACH PEOPLE

**22** Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them. – **Jude 1:22-23a (NIV 1984)**

### 3. RENEW YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

**13** But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. **14** So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. – **2 Peter 3:13-14 (NIV 1984)**

