Is Heaven Real? Heaven, Part 3 Revelation 21:1-2

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I. What are Satan's lies about eternity?

1. All roads lead to heaven.

Matthew 7 ¹³ Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (NIV)

2. Most people are going to heaven.

Romans 2 ⁶ He will judge everyone according to what they have done. ⁷ He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. ⁸ But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. (NLT)

Revelation 20 ¹¹ And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it... ¹² I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life.... ¹⁵ And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. (NLT)

3. Heaven can wait.

Psalm 84 ¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. (NIV)

- II. What is the eternal heaven?
- 1. God will establish a <u>new</u> heaven and <u>new</u> earth.

Revelation 21 ¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. (NLT)

Isaiah 65 17 Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore. (NLT)

2 Peter 3 ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. (NIV)

2. God will make all things new.

Revelation 21 ⁵ And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

3. God will dwell with us for eternity.

Revelation 21 ³ I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. (NLT)

Revelation 22 ³ No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ And they will see his face... (NLT)

III. Closing Thoughts

- 1. Our eternal home will be on the new heaven and new earth where God, Himself, will dwell with us.
- 2. If you haven't made a commitment to Jesus, do it today. Let us know about it on your Connection Card.
- 3. Invite someone to church next week.