

**Sermon Quotes**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Eternity and Eternal Things- Series Review**

Eternal Things Review -

- Early Christians Attitudes about Heaven vs. Ours.
- What Happens One Minute After You Die.
- The Timing of God's Judgment
- Intermediate Heaven
- The End of the Age and Final Judgment
- New Heavens and New Earth

**John 13:36** ESV Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but **you will follow afterward.**"

**John 14:1-3** ESV "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that **I go to prepare a place for you?** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, **that where I am you may be also.**"

**1 Peter 1:3-5** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! according to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again **to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, **kept in heaven for you...**"

Typical Inscriptions found on Roman Catacombs

*"In Christ, Alexander is not dead, but lives."*

*"One who lives with God."*

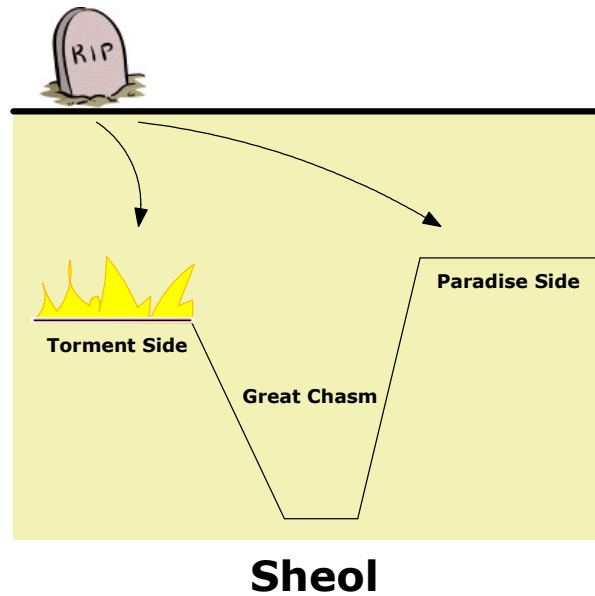
*"He was taken up into his eternal home."*

*"If any righteous man among the Christians passes from this world, they rejoice and offer thanks to God, and they escort his body with songs and thanksgiving as if he were setting out from one place to another nearby."*

Aristides  
125 AD

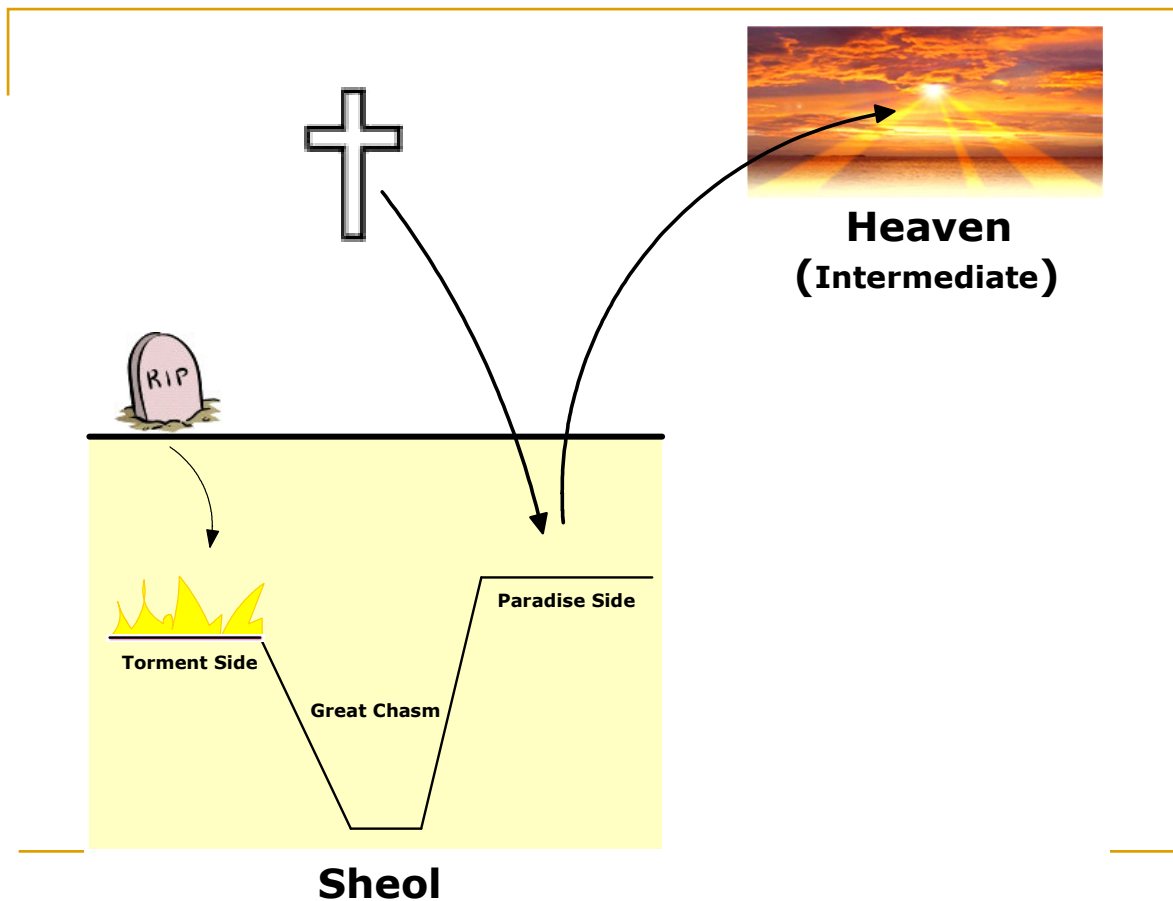
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## What Sheol was like before the Cross and Resurrection.



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**Ephesians 4:8-10** Therefore it says, "When He (Jesus) ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that **he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?** (Sheol) He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things."



*“God loves us enough to tell us the truth—there are two eternal destinations, not one, and we must choose the right path if we are to go to Heaven. All roads do not lead to Heaven. Only one does: Jesus Christ. He said, ‘No one comes to the Father except through me’ (John 14:6). All other roads lead to Hell. The high stakes involved in the choice between Heaven and Hell will cause us to appreciate Heaven in deeper ways, never taking it for granted, and always praising God for his grace that delivers us from what we deserve and grants us forever what we don’t.”*  
 —Randy Alcorn

*“Usually when we refer to Heaven, we mean the place that Christians go when they die...When we tell our children ‘Grandma’s now in Heaven,’ we’re referring to the present Heaven...It bears repeating because it is so commonly misunderstood: When we die, believers in Christ will not go to the Heaven where we’ll live forever. Instead, we’ll go to an **intermediate Heaven**. In that Heaven—where those who died covered by Christ’s blood are now—we’ll await the time of Christ’s return to the earth, our bodily resurrection, the final judgment, and the creation of the New Heavens and New Earth. If we fail to grasp this truth, we will fail to understand the biblical doctrine of Heaven.”*

—Randy Alcorn

**Revelation 21:1** “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”

*“God will make the New Earth his dwelling place...Heaven and earth will then **no longer be separated** as they are now, but **they will be one.**”*

—Anthony Hoekema

*“We are homesick for Eden. We’re nostalgic for what is implanted in our hearts. It’s built into us, perhaps even at a genetic level. We long for what the first man and woman once enjoyed—a perfect and beautiful Earth with free and untainted relationships with God, each other, animals, and our environment...We long for a return to Paradise—a perfect world, without the corruption of sin, where God walks with us and talks with us in the cool of the day. Because we’re human beings, we desire something tangible and physical, something that will not fade away. And that is exactly what God promises us—a home that will not be destroyed, a kingdom that will not fade, a city with unshakable foundations, an incorruptible inheritance.”*

—Randy Alcorn

*“Earth is an in-between world touched by both Heaven and Hell. Earth leads directly into Heaven or directly into Hell, affording a choice between the two. The best of life on Earth is a glimpse of Heaven; the worst of life is a glimpse of Hell. For Christians, this present life is the closest they will come to Hell. For unbelievers, it is the closest they will come to Heaven.”*

—Randy Alcorn