

John 14:1-3

# Perspective on life..



#### Going to heaven?..

- We're all going to die .. Hebrews 9:27
- Jesus is coming back .. 2 Thess 1:8-9
  - 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

#### Am I headed in the direction?

# 1 Reality of our identity

- **Gen 2:7** And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



# 1 Reality of our identity

- Eccl 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.
- 12:7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

# 2 Reality of individual choice

- Glorify God now \_\_\_\_\_\_ Live with Him in Eternity
- Reject Him now / Separated from
  Fail to glorify Him Him in Eternity

### 2 Reality of individual choice

- Matthew 25 parables of readiness
  - 10 Virgins (five wise, five foolish)
  - Talents (entrusted by the Master)
  - King with all nations
- **Rom 2:8-9** but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, **9** tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; **10** but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

# 3 Reality is deceptive

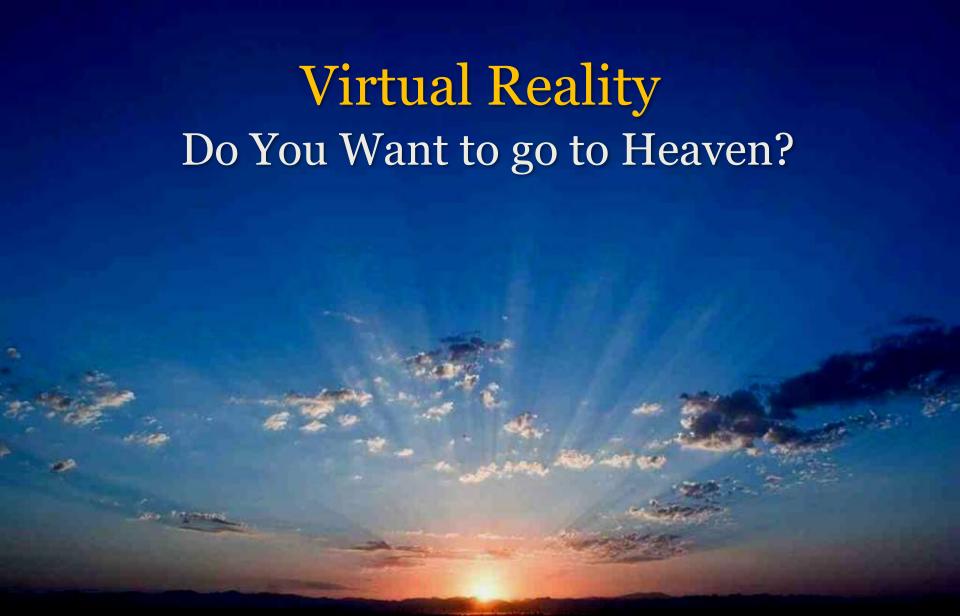
- If we allow present reality to blind us to the value of eternal reality.
  - 2 Peter 3:10-13 end of what we now see
  - 2 Cor 4:16-18 things not seen are eternal
  - James 4:14 what is your life? .. Vapor
  - 1 Peter 1:3-4 eternal inheritance fades not

### 4 Ultimate reality

- Why do you want to go to heaven?
  - To avoid going to hell
  - Escape the troubles of this world
  - Enjoy comforts, pleasures, rewards
  - Be reunited with loved ones
  - To get answers to all our questions

### 4 Ultimate reality

- There is a better reason
  - Psalm 73:25-26 Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. 26 My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
  - John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 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. 3 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.



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