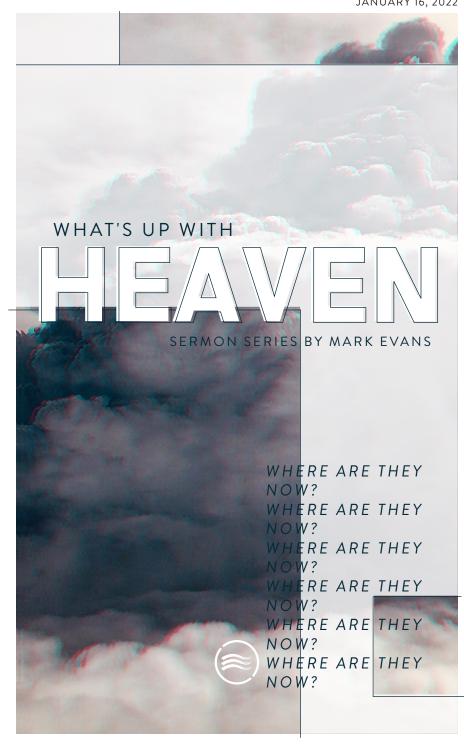


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## HEAVEN

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

1. WHEN A BELIEVER DIES, THEIR \_\_\_

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asleep, lest you sorrow as others who had and rose again, even so God will lead to be sold the world of the Lord will by no Lord Himself will descend from heaven and with the trumpet of God. And the are alive and remain shall be caught up Lord in the air. And thus	t, brethren, concerning those who have fallen ave no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the n with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, e dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who together with them in the clouds to meet the we shall always be with the Lord.
REALIZE: THE PRESENT HE	AVEN IS A
• HEAVEN	(Prior to Christ's death and resurrection)
• HEAVEN	(where believers go when they die)
• HEAVEN	(the eternal Heaven or New Earth)

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

Revelation 21:1

## REMEMBER: HEAVEN IS BEING IN THE

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And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

<sup>8</sup> This is why it says:

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"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

 $^9$  (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?  $^{10}$  He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

Ephesians 4:8-10

<sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup> And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup> how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, <sup>3</sup> if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5