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IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME—
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WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU!
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FOR A LIST OF
IMPORTANT
ROCK CREEK LINKS!

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1. WHEN A BELIEVER DIES, THEIR _____ GOES
IN THE GRAVE & THEIR _____ GO TO
_____.

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**REALIZE: THE PRESENT HEAVEN IS A _____
HOME.**

- **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

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

⁸ This is why it says:

"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

² 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. ³ And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ 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. ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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