"THE NEW EARTH"

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"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." ~ Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)

Three Things We Can Know About Heaven		
I. God	Ephesians 1:10 "to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ." NIV	
A.	What we long for: A return to!	
B.	Heaven will come to the earth. Revelation 21:1-3 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." NIV	
II. Go	d's: A New Earth Out Of Old.	
A.	The New Earth is our Isaiah 65:17 "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth." NIV Isaiah 66:22 "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure." NIV 2 Peter 3:13 "But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." NIV Revelation 21:1-5 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away" NIV	
B.	The New Earth <u>IS</u> God's glory. Habakkuk 2:14 "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." NIV	
C.	A New Earth means a earth.	

III. G	cod's: The New Earth Described. Revelations 21-22
A.	Heaven is an actual physical John 14:2-3 "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." NIV
B.	Heaven is described as a Hebrews 11:10 "For he was looking forward to the <u>city</u> with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." NIV Hebrews 13:14 "For here we do not have an enduring <u>city</u> , but we are looking fo the <u>city</u> that is to come." NIV
C.	Heaven is described as a Hebrews 11:16 "Instead, they were longing for a better country heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."
D.	We'll have bodies in Heaven. Philippians 3:20-21 "the Lord Jesus Christwill transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."
E.	In Heaven we will Revelation 14:13 "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will <u>rest</u> from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.'" NIV
F.	There will be no more Revelation 22:3 "No longer will there be any curse." NIV

Next week: We will conclude our Questions About HEAVEN series with part #6: "Heaven: FAQ" by Pastor Bill Young