

Tell About Heaven In 2007

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- V. WE CANNOT TELL ABOUT HEAVEN WITHOUT FAITH
 - A. Ro 1:17 *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*
 - B. If we are going to tell others about Heaven, then we must tell them about faith in Jesus Christ.
 - C. But we must also have faith in Jesus Christ before we can effectively talk about Heaven.
 - D. Remember that the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, from the faith of someone who already has it to another person who may trust the Lord, and then he will have the same faith.
 - E. Therefore, we must tell about Heaven.
 - F. This is not the easiest job in the world, but it is the right job for each one of us who believe in Jesus Christ. It is an important job for our time, because many are turning away from “the faith” and teaching people other ways to get to Heaven besides by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - G. Tell about Heaven in 2007.

One of the greatest privileges in life is to be able to introduce Heaven to people, to talk about this wonderful place, to invite people to come with us to this eternal city where we will live forever with Jesus Christ.

I hope in this message to persuade you and me to be more faithful in telling others about Heaven. We cannot tell others about Heaven unless we do it the right way—there is a plan to do this.

- I. WE CANNOT TELL ABOUT HEAVEN IF THERE IS NO SUCH PLACE
 - A. John 14:2 *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 unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*
 - B. Heb 11:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*
 - C. Now, since there is such a place, we must be faithful to tell people about it.
 1. They will not hear about it in school.
 2. They will not hear about it at work
 3. They will not hear about it in the movie theater or at a dance or in most homes today.
 4. We must take the opportunity to tell others about heaven, because there is such a place, as Jesus said.
- II. WE CANNOT TELL ABOUT HEAVEN WITHOUT THE BIBLE
 - A. The Bible is the only book which deals with this great subject of Heaven.
 - B. No other book comes close to the subject of Heaven.
 - C. Many books tell about discoveries of ingenious men and

women who have discovered many wonderful things.

- D. Many books can tell you where every place is on the earth, how big a country is, how high a mountain, or how deep an ocean; but it cannot tell you anything about Heaven.
- E. The Bible is the only book which gives us any information about Heaven, because God reveals this to us in His own book, the Bible.
- F. So, don't speak about Heaven from what you have heard, but read what the Bible says about it, and tell others about this Heaven in the Bible, not the Heaven of man's making.
- G. The word Heaven is used 313 times in the Old Testament and 238 times in the New Testament—that's 551 times in the entire Bible.
- H. Isa 8:20 *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them.*

III. WE CANNOT TELL ABOUT HEAVEN WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST

- A. Joh 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
 - 1. If we talk about Heaven without talking about Jesus Christ, then we have misled the person we are telling.
 - 2. Jesus is the way to Heaven, the truth of Heaven, and the life in Heaven.
 - 3. He prepared this place for us, and he will be coming back to receive us into that place that he has prepared, which is Heaven.
- B. 1Ti 2:5 *For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*
 - 1. We cannot get to Heaven without a mediator, a person to reconcile us to God, and that is Jesus Christ.
 - 2. Jesus was our mediator when he lived a perfect life and died a perfect death.
 - 3. He took our place when he died on the cross and became

our Redeemer, paying for all our sins to bring us to God.

- 4. So, if you are going to tell about Heaven, you must become familiar with Jesus Christ.

IV. WE CANNOT TELL ABOUT HEAVEN WITHOUT THE GOSPEL

- A. 1 Cor. 15:1 *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*
 - 1. This is the good news of the Gospel: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - 2. No other religion has a message like this. It is the only message that can save.
- B. Ro 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*
 - 1. Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel, and neither should we be.
 - 2. It is not Paul or Peter or any of us who are the power of God unto salvation, but it is the Gospel itself, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - 3. This Gospel brings salvation to everyone who believes in it, not everyone who does good or is baptized or joins a church, but everyone who believes the Gospel.
 - 4. Mark 1:15 *And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*