

12. Heaven is the place the Father resides.

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“Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.”
Matthew 6:9 (NLT)

13. Heaven will be a place prepared for believers.

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”
John 14:1-3 (NLT)

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for prayer after service.**

“...pray for one another...” James 5:16

"Eternity"

Eternity: Infinite time, duration without beginning or end

“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.”
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

Views on Eternity

1. Universalism: the theological doctrine that all men will finally be saved or brought back to holiness and God.
2. Naturalist: the naturalists will tell you that you do not have a soul, you are just a body, and when you die, you cease to exist. There is no existence of any sort or kind following your death. That’s not true.
3. Reincarnation: the belief that the soul, upon death of the body, comes back to earth in another body or form.
4. Annihilationist, which suggests that when people don’t know Jesus and they die, they simply cease to exist, or they suffer for a while in hell, and then eventually they cease to exist.
5. Purgatory, which is nowhere to be found in the Bible because it’s not true, but they will teach that people can die and then suffer for a while as part of the finishing of their work of salvation so that ultimately they might be in heaven. That’s not true, though some hold it.

“Jesus said, ‘There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man’s table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.’ Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and his soul went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side. The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’ But Abraham said to him, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.’ Then the rich man said, ‘Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father’s home. For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don’t end up in this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.’ The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.’ But Abraham said, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t listen even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Luke 16:19-31 (NLT)

⇒ Both Heaven and hell are literal places ←

Imagine you’re an astronaut and you’re going to the moon and someone asks what do you know about the moon? NOTHING

6. The Bible says much about eternity? Thirteen percent of Jesus’ ministry was spent talking about it, one-half of parables.
7. There are two distinct locations.
8. What happens when a person dies? The body goes to the grave, the spirit to eternity.
9. Hell is the destination for those who reject Jesus. People choose hell.

“There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him as already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.” John 3:18 (NLT)

“And anyone who believes in God’s Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn’t obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under god’s angry judgment.” John 3:36 (NLT)

10. Hell is a place of torment.

“Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 25:30 (NLT)

“Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.’” Matthew 25:41 (NLT)

“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.” Matthew 25:46 (NLT)

11. Hell is a place of eternal separation.