



(See Ephesians 2:8-9) 06-23-2009
YOU WERE RIGHT ON THE LINE, SO WE'LL LET THIS FREE THROW DECIDE IT



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LITTLE FLUFFY KITTY ETERNITY DOUBLED AS BOTH A HEAVEN AND A HELL



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld 02-16-2009
I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

I have a difficult question for you...

If you were to die tonight and wake up in a place that was exactly like this church how would you feel about it?

If the way things are in church is not a reflection of heaven why is that?

Pop Quiz time: Where is heaven mentioned in Hebrews?

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.

Hebrews 4:1-2

The Children of Israel failed to “land” in a bunch of ways...

Israel in the desert refusing
to go into the land.
Israel in the land failing
to serve God.
Israel when confronted
with Christ.
And the Church (the People
of God) today?

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:8-10

Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:11-13

**Don't fall short.
Be prepared to
give an account.**

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:8-10

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:13-16

**Abraham, Jacob
and Isaac were
looking forward
to the City of God.**

**2nd Question of the Day:
What would you do
if Christianity
became illegal?**

Let me tell you about
Dominic Tascarella, a
missionary that Dorothy
and I support...

Remember the movie
“A Thief in the Night?”

What would it take for
Christianity to become
illegal in the US?

How what would you do if
the government came and
locked the doors to this
church?

What if being seen with
Pastor Rick would get you
arrested?

How will you live out
your faith without a
Church building or a
Sunday morning
(public) service?

And so Jesus also suffered outside
the city gate to make the people holy
through his own blood. Let us, then,
go to him outside the camp, bearing
the disgrace he bore. For here we do
not have an enduring city, but we are
looking for the city that is to come.

Hebrews 13:12-14

The Third set of questions
for today:

Who will you pray
with?

Who will you study
with?

The Bible is a text
book...
There will be a test...

When the crisis
comes who do
you call?

Peter says that our
enemy is like a lion...
Don't get separated
from the herd.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.
Hebrews 10:19-22

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:23-25

For our final thought
let's talk about
tithing...

God will not accept anything less than our “first fruits.”

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”

Hebrews 12:25-26

The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 12:27-29

God will not accept second place in anything.

What is Command Number One?

Our God is a “consuming fire.”