



**Is there an afterlife?
If so, what is it like?**

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The Afterlife



In your view,
is there an
afterlife?

Why? Why
not?

Christians

- How do you get to heaven?
- Is heaven for everyone?
- Could an all-good God send anyone to hell forever?
- Is heaven in the sky? Is hell below us?



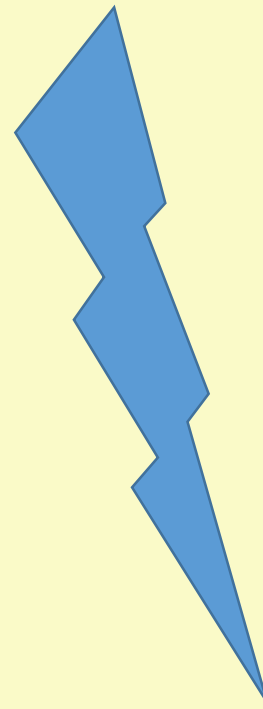
The afterlife

- Eschatological beliefs: John 11:25-26, John 14:2-7
- Judgement: Matthew 25:31-46, Luke 16:19-31
- Resurrection: 1 Corinthians 15:42-55
- Traditional and contemporary beliefs about heaven and hell

Eschatology

Traditional

Contemporary



Modern

Beliefs about afterlife

Old

Traditional

Heaven	Hell

- A place of paradise
- A place of suffering
- The kingdom of God
- Throne of God
- Underworld full of sinners
- Holy angels
- Reunited with dead loved ones
- Jesus sits on the Right of God
- Darkness
- Shining light
- Punishment for sins
- Demon-infested pits



Heaven

AMAZING GRACE

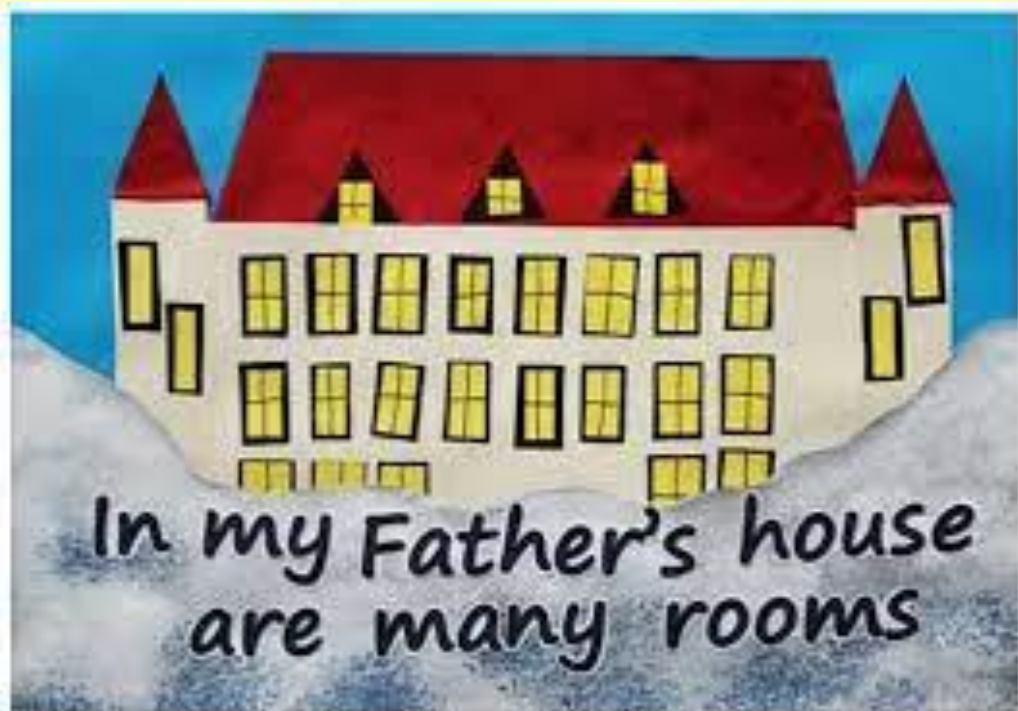
John Newton, 1779

A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I
once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.





“In my Father’s house, there are many rooms”

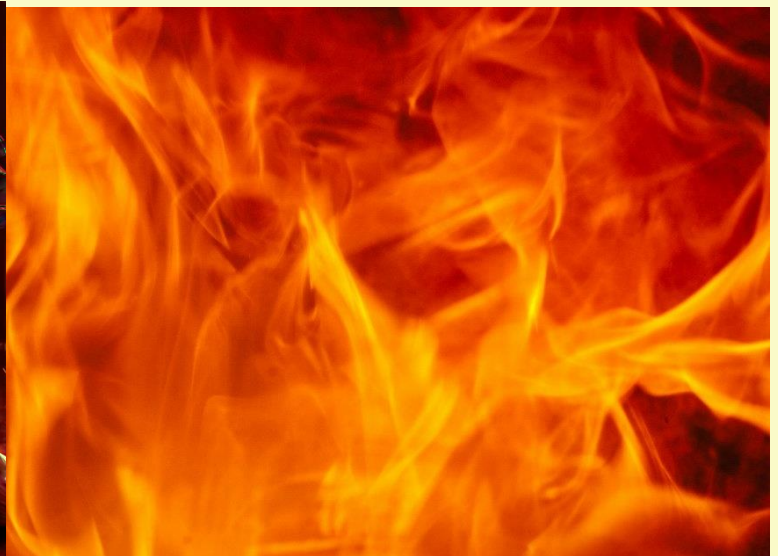


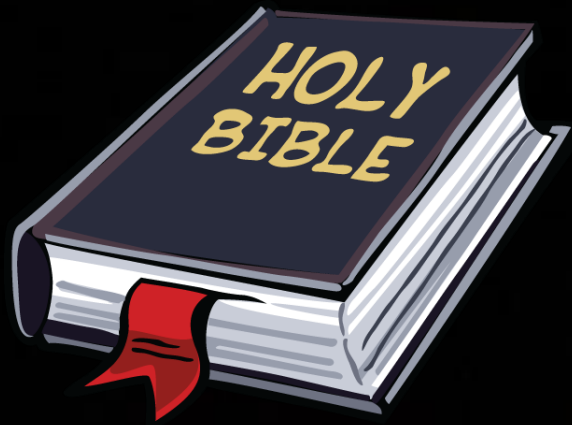


“The new Jerusalem”



Hell





Hell, the
"unquenchable
fire"



Gehenna





ETERNAL

Life in heaven/hell
is **eternal**. This
means...



“Nothing **impure**
will ever enter [the
new Jerusalem]”

So, Roman Catholics
believe in **purgatory**



Purgatory is

a _____
_____ or
place of

purification

temporary

state

Heaven

Saints and martyrs

Purgatory

Most Catholics

Hell

Evil-doers, non-Catholics

**Briefly explain the traditional
Roman Catholic view of
heaven, hell, and purgatory**





Who gets into
heaven?

... should not perish, but have everlast-
16 ^RFor God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
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Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9
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Only people
who believe in
Jesus

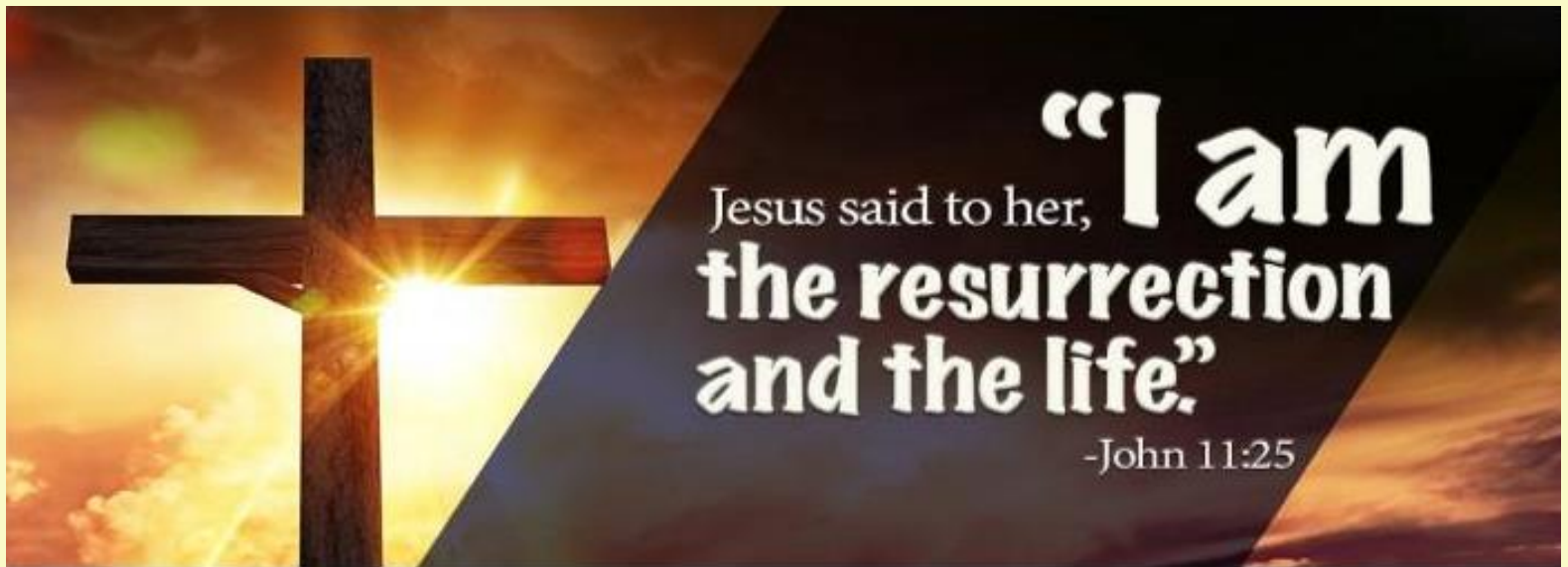
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John 3:16



Salvation

25 Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:



6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

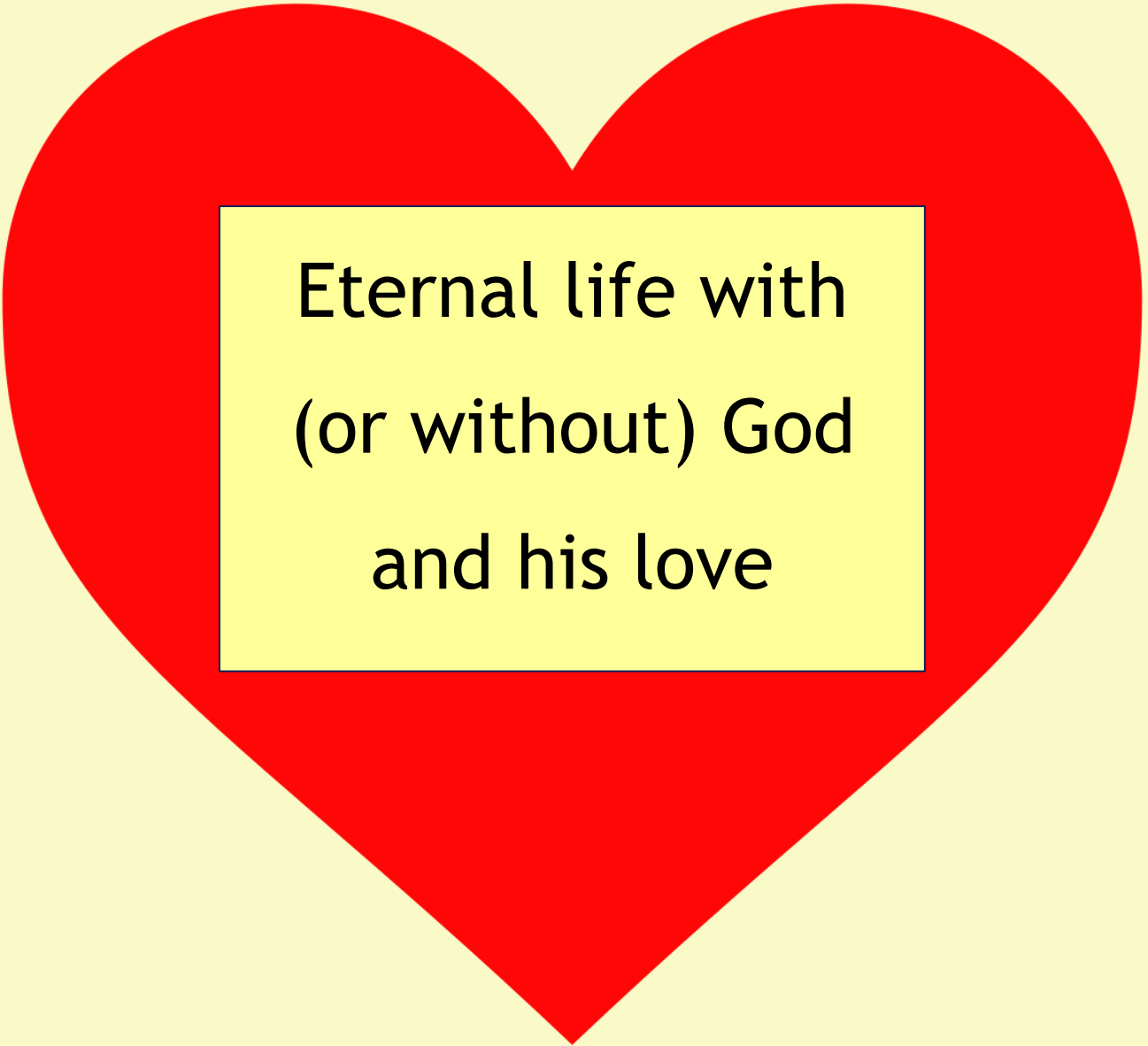


Modern view

Heaven and hell are
metaphors

What might they
be metaphors for?





Eternal life with
(or without) God
and his love

Heaven is for
everyone?

“Hell is a place on earth”



Research

Judgement Day

Parable of the sheep and the goats

Resurrection