HEAVEN

UNFORGETTING THE GOSPEL'S GLORY

HEAVEN'S LIFE

PART 1

1. Cry for Life

Berkhof: "eternal life, that is, not merely an endless life, but life in all its fullness, without any of the imperfections and disturbances of the present."

Mark 10:29–30 - Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, [30] who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

- 1. Cry for Life
- 2. Cry for Eternity

Ecclesiastes 3:11 - He has put eternity into man's heart...

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Hebrews 9:26–28 - for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. [27] And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, [28] so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

• 1 Peter 3:18 - For Christ also <u>suffered once for sins</u>, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit

• 2 Peter 1:4 - by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

The Garden of Eden ... was not exempted from the poison of the serpent, that infected man in his head and original, the woeful effect of which we feel to this day. But the paradise above is inaccessible to all evil, a place framed for delight, no thorns or briars there, nothing that can afflict or cause sorrow; no, it is the paradise of God, a paradise in the midst whereof is the Son of God in the tree of life, upon which the saints feed and live forever.

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IDENTITY

Bruce Milne: "We can banish all fear of being absorbed into the 'All' which Buddhism holds before us, or reincarnated in some other life form as in the post-mortem prospect of Hinduism. . . . The self with which we were endowed by the Creator in his gift of life to us, the self whose worth was secured forever in the self-substitution of God for us on the cross, that self will endure into eternity. Death cannot destroy us."

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- 8. Feelings and Emotions
- 9. Affections
- 10. Relationships