

**Living in Heaven Now- Really”
A Bible Study Manual**

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Introduction

“Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16). Dear friends, understanding that each of us consists of two living parts, an inner man (heart), and an outer man (physical), is essential to receive the teaching of this Bible Study. When Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:10, “When I am weak, then I am strong,” he was referring to his two living parts. When he was weak physically because of what others were subjecting him to, then he became strong in his heart as he responded with peace, forgiveness and, according to 2 Cor. 6:10, even rejoicing through the grace of God.

The source of my study, after lengthy struggles through many rewritings of each Bible Lesson and accompanying article, is revelation from God. To the best of my ability I have sought to maintain integrity with what He has given me.

All references to scripture, except where otherwise noted, are taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

In the spirit of 1 Corinthians 14:32, I submit this Bible Study Manual subject to the prophet-leadership of the church.

The Gift of Revelation from God

In Acts 2:16-18, Peter declared to the crowd about what had taken place by the infilling of the Holy Spirit, “This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel...” Someone may have asked Peter, “How do you know that what we have just witnessed is from the prophet Joel?” Peter’s reply would have been that he received it by revelation from God.

Paul often wrote and spoke by revelation from God, saying in 1 Corinthians 14:26, 31 that revelation was given to members of a congregation to proclaim to others for their edification and encouragement. He goes on to indicate that revelation is a form of prophecy, both speaking words received from God.

John, in his Gospel, states in 16:13 about the Holy Spirit, “When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak, and He will tell you things to come.” Those things spoken to us by the Holy Spirit become revelation from God to us, and it then becomes our responsibility to share what God wants us to share for the edification and encouragement of others.

Throughout the past 2,000 years church fathers have heard from God and spoken what they heard to others, truths that were always confirmed by scripture. Many preachers and teachers today speak truths by revelation from God from their pulpits and podiums.

Peter summed up about revelation, "Prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21).

Whether I am a holy man of God, others will judge, but what I have written in this Bible Study, and what I am about to reveal to you is revelation from God.

Figurative Language

We are so used to using figurative language in our conversations that most of us don't realize we are doing it. "Burning the midnight oil," "scared the living daylights out of me," "burning up," "mad as a wet hen," are some samples of figurative language we might use. These phrases mean one thing literally but something entirely different figuratively. Any foreign person learning our English language must learn not only the dictionary definition of words but also our figurative way of speaking.

The Bible also uses figurative language throughout its 66 books. So we, as students of the word must learn not only the biblical definition of words, but also the often used figurative language in the Word. These are sometimes called types and anti-types, shadows and substance, allegories, parables, figurative language and plain language, concealed and revealed. I use the terms figure of speech and figurative language to cover all of these hidden truths that we want to bring to light.

Example: Jesus interprets wine as His blood during His last supper with His disciples in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Leviticus 17:14 tells us that a person's life is in his blood. Therefore, when we consider wine as a figure of speech, we can interpret scripture for it to mean Jesus' life. When we take wine in the communion supper, therefore, we are partaking in the life of Jesus, not in the wine itself, but in the sacrament.

Example: Jesus said in John 7:38-39- "He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water. This He spoke concerning the (Holy) Spirit." Therefore, when we read of rivers or pools of water in scripture, we can give consideration to it being a figure for the work of the Holy Spirit.

Example: In Matthew 9:36, Jesus refers to sheep as a figure of speech representing saints looking for a shepherd, or pastor, or elder to lead them.

The Old Testament is filled with figurative language giving us hidden biblical truths. Hunting for New Testament truths from hidden figurative language is the source of my "logo" which is "hidden/revealed: There is more to the Bible than some of you think." I love to find New Testament truths that have been hidden by writers of scripture under the moving of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 2:20-21).

You will read much more about figurative language interpretation and many more examples in the "Author's Notes" section of my book, *What Was John Thinking?*

Dedication

To you, I dedicate this 12 lesson Bible Study to help you see:

Section 1- Where You Live- Shift your focus for your inner man to abide in your dwelling place in 2nd heaven, more specifically in New Jerusalem.

Section 2- Who you Are- Give scriptural evidence that becoming who you are created to be only begins when you become a new creation in Christ and ends with the self-satisfaction of fulfilling God's purpose for your life and the work He has called you to finish.

Section 3- God's Plan For You as revealed in the Garden of Eden- View Genesis Chapters 2-4 as a 2nd heaven episode, foundational to marriage between one man and one woman, to God's provision (mark) for fallen man, and to reveal the Garden of Eden as the pattern for our walk.

Epilogue- An alternative look at Genesis Chapter 1 for your study and pondering- describes the long-suffering love of God bringing restoration to His people when we are so wretchedly lost.

Where Do You Live?
Bible Lesson One- In Heaven

I look out the window of my home and see my front yard, drink a sip of coffee, say something to my wife, watch a tennis match on TV. Everything that happens to me seems to happen right here on earth. But Paul exhorts us, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above (heaven), where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above (again, heaven), not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2). Revelation 22:3 tells us Christ’s throne is in New Jerusalem; therefore that is where He is, sitting at the right hand of God. Ephesians 2:6 tells us God has raised us up to and seated us together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Heavenly places is heaven; just as the kingdom of heaven is heaven. So, we are seated in heaven, but not the third heaven.

Paul describes how one time 14 years ago, God took him to the third heaven and taught him with inexpressible words (2 Corinthians 12:2-4). The whole context of this testimony by Paul tells me that the third heaven is not the heaven in which he exhorts us to set our mind. We can’t will to set our minds on things in 3rd heaven; we, like Paul, would have to be “caught up” into 3rd heaven by God. Scripture does not tell us anything about heavens one and two, so we have to analyze what it does tell us and draw our own conclusions.

Day One- Read Hebrews 12:18-25.

Verse 18- 21 tells us you have no longer come to physical Mt Sinai where God spoke the old covenant through angels to Moses, but (verse 22 says) you have now come to spiritual Mount Zion (the church) where God spoke the New Covenant through Jesus. Note: the throne of God and Jesus is in New Jerusalem (Rev. 22:3), which, I believe, is in second heaven. However, the description of New Jerusalem described in Revelation 21 & 22, interpreted in my accompanying article to Bible Lesson 3, makes me believe that, although in 2nd heaven, it is closely connected to third heaven.

Verse 25 follows saying if the Hebrews did not escape punishment for disobeying Moses who spoke from earth, how much more will we not escape if we now disobey Jesus who speaks from His spiritual throne in heavenly (New) Jerusalem (the word “heavenly” generally refers to second heaven).

Describe what Heb. 12:22-24 tells you about your local church.

Not only is Jesus sovereign ruler of all 3 heavens and ruler on earth and ruler in the believer, He is the kingdom of heaven, and His reign is kingdom of heaven reign. In 3rd heaven, Jesus' will is absolute, His will is always done. In 2nd heaven His will is done in New Jerusalem. (The reader will gain more understanding of New Jerusalem being in 2nd heaven after reading the accompanying article for Bible Lesson 3).

For those saints raised with Him into 2nd heaven but who are still immature in their walk, some being babes in Christ in an early state of discipleship, those whose flesh nature rules intermittently, God's will also rules only intermittently, at times rarely. The citizenship of these brethren is in 2nd heaven, but not in New Jerusalem. New Jerusalem dwelling requires maturity, walking by the Holy Spirit, their flesh being crucified. Those brethren dwelling in 2nd heaven outside of New Jerusalem, battling their flesh nature, gain more and more entrance into the city as they grow spiritually, and as they seek encountering the presence of the Lord in spirit and truth. So they move in and out of New Jerusalem, according to who rules their walk.

Day Two- Distinguish between the three heavens in scripture. What do the scriptures given tell us about each heaven.

1. 3rd heaven called Paradise- 2 Corinthian 12:3-7, Luke 23:41-43, Matthew 6:10. (at physical death, we go there to be with Christ (Phil 1:23))

2. 1st heaven- Psalm 8:3, 19:4-6, 78:26, 79:2, Job 1:16, 35:11, 38:29,37, and more. (Visible to all creation)

3. 2nd heaven- All Jesus' parables in the kingdom of heaven (K/God), Ephesians 1:3, 2:6, 6:12, Col 3:1-2, Rev 22:1-3, 22:14 and many more. (The term heavenly and heavenly places generally refers to 2nd heaven where Christ is seated).

Day Three and Four- In Isaiah 55:8, God says, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.” Since God’s thoughts are as the heavens, can we even know and speak God’s thoughts when we set our minds in 2nd heaven?

I believe Paul’s answer to that question is that we can, but only what God allows us to know. Paul writes “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ... No one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God” (1 Corinthians 2:9-12).

I believe John also answers that we can know some of God’s thoughts as He permits it. In John 16:13-15, Jesus tells us of the Holy Spirit, “When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is mine, and declare it to you.”

Jesus provided the principle when He said, “Seek (and keep on seeking or search and keep on searching) and you will find” (Matt. 7:7).

My own experience is that as I pursue the thoughts of God on a particular subject or issue, His grace responds with a little here and a little there. I have to keep pursuing, and even after some knowledge, keep my mind open to learn more.

When His disciples were focused on eating food they had brought back from town, Jesus taught them to shift their thinking to spiritual food. He said, “Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white (ripe) for harvest” (John 4:33-35).

For your study lesson today, lift up your eyes (into 2nd heaven) and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your understanding of the following scriptures; then write what you see. Note: you may get a little here and a little there similar to my experience; so keep pursuing.

1. “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). What do you see?

Consider Heb. 10:22, 1 Chron. 16:4,11, 37, 2 Cor. 3:17-18, Gal. 5:16, and Ps. 149. John 4:23 tells us God is seeking those who worship Him in spirit and truth. Truth involves spiritual knowledge of the true God of the Bible and what it takes to enter into His presence. But worshiping in spirit involves the whole heart, including the emotions. This is where men, being mentally oriented, usually stumble, and where women, swayed by

peer cultural dignities, hold back their emotions. God is seeking them to worship in spirit, but most men and women in church say no to God, they won't give God their emotions. Worshipping in spirit requires us to worship God with a whole heart, our souls, our mind, and our strength. What does whole heart mean to you?

2. "Know what is the hope of His calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance (in you)" (Ephesians 1:18). What do you see?

Jesus formed in you, the hope of glory, is your inner inheritance (Ezek 44:28, Gal 4:19, 1:15-16). Your appointed place in Christ's body (1 Cor. 12:18) relates to your calling as does Eph. 2:10, 4:4,7, and 1 Peter 4:10. 1 Cor 12:4-6 tells us there are two parts of our calling, gifts and ministries (Rom 12:4-8), both of which, in God's timing after he has ended you with passion, are in your appointment, with God causing the effect. The two, your calling and inner inheritance, combine in your outer inheritance stated by Paul in Rom. 4:13.

3. "I (you) have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I (you) who live, but Christ lives in me (you)" (Galatians 2:20). What do you see?

As you consider if you want to pay the price of having Jesus formed in you, comment on the following:

- a. My love now compared to His love, described in 1 Cor. 13 and Gal. 5:22-23.-

b. Comment on: The law and my own self-evaluation says I am not good enough.

There is no question that Jesus is good enough to do anything. Forming Jesus in you, revealing Jesus in and through you to the world elevates you to the state of enabling you to do anything. Getting to that point takes maturity (what the Bible calls perfection), and that takes time. Romans 5:1-5 tells us it will take much endurance and perseverance in trials to develop the character of Jesus in us. James 1:2-4 tells us to be joyful in these trials knowing they are producing maturity in us, the forming of Jesus. This process is what Peter's first letter is all about that he calls "the true grace of God" (5:12). Peter says to arm yourself with the same mind as Christ who submitted to suffering for us (4:1). While our outer man is experiencing hardships and sufferings, our inner man, focused on Eph 3:20 and 2 Cor. 12:10, is gaining strength and power.

While we are in this maturing process, 1 Cor. 1:30 tells us Jesus becomes for us wisdom from God, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. In other words, He enables us to be good enough for many servant works while we are being disciplined by the Holy Spirit and our leaders, with our hope expressed in 1 Cor. 2:9 and Phil. 4:13.

c. Comment on: How I approach conflicts and problems.

Paul told the Corinthian Church and us, "My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that your faith should not be in the faith of men, but in the power of God" (1 Cor. 2:4-5). When bound in prison, Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, "I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:19-20). Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12).

Another very important response to conflict comes in Jesus' teaching His disciples, "You shall be perfect (mature) as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt 5:48). Jesus made this

statement in context with the previous verses 38-47 in which He said to: “Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you” (verse 44). Therefore when we meet conflicts, we are to value grace, mercy, and humility over justice and my rights. When we respond in this manner, I believe the power of God will move on our behalf.

4. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18, John 2:11 and John 17:24; then comment on the glory of the Lord and how His glory affects you. (Disregard scriptures where glory refers to praise and commendation.)

Luke 2:9 tells us there is a radiance in the glory of the Lord. In Luke 9:32 Peter, James and John saw Jesus’ glory in the appearance of His face and the glistening of His garments when He spoke with Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. At Stephen’s trial, according to Acts 6:15, those in attendance saw Stephen’s face as the face of an angel. Acts 7:55 tells us that Stephen, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

The word “glory” in the Hebrew is translated “heavy” and “weight” in the sense, I believe, of its importance. In Eph. 3:18-19 when Paul speaks of the intimate knowing, comprehending the height and depth and length and width of the love of God, he is speaking of knowing His glory. That glory, that radiance, that love, Jesus manifested in many of His acts of compassion on earth, and He actually wants to manifest His glory that we might behold, see and consume with the eyes of our heart. But, in order to accomplish this, we have to be with Him where He is.

Jesus and God the Father have made their home in you and me (John 14:23). Therefore, His glory, the radiance of His love is in us. But there is also something hard within us that keeps that radiance trapped within, and that hardness is called our flesh nature including hindrances we have absorbed in our native culture that is foreign to kingdom of God characteristics. But according to 2 Cor. 3:18, God has provided a way to break through these hard shells when we thirst for Him and therefore seek His presence with a whole heart, freeing ourselves from cultural restraints and prideful dams.

Day Five- Read my Accompanying Article to Bible Lesson 3 on “In New Jerusalem” which is in 2nd heaven, the kingdom of heaven. Having read the article, which of the 12 experiences listed in Accompanying Article 1, “In Heaven,” can or will occur outside of New Jerusalem.

In New Jerusalem there is no place for Satan or for your old flesh nature. In your battles against Satan you may or may not dwell in New Jerusalem. In New Jerusalem you will walk in the spirit, in tune with the Holy Spirit for his guidance and teaching. There, you are in the light of His manifest glory. The throne of God and of Jesus is in New Jerusalem. Prayers in the anointing of the Holy Spirit come before God’s throne.

Genesis Chapter 4, however, describing life in Eden outside of the garden, tells us many blessings we still receive and that apply to living in the kingdom of heaven but outside of New Jerusalem. In the kingdom of heaven we are spirit and can be in the spirit, just not to the degree and duration as those who dwell in New Jerusalem. All saints who thirst and come to Jesus’ throne for the Holy Spirit will be filled.

In this question, please show your clear understanding of the distinction between life in and outside of New Jerusalem for the saint.

Living In Heaven Now- Really
Where Do You Live?

Bible Lesson one- In Heaven

Accompanying Article

I have yet to hear anyone say that he lives in heaven. We are so convinced in our minds that we live only on earth, that we haven't even considered the truth about our dwelling place in heaven. True, we were born on earth and we physically walk, work and sleep on earth, but followers of Jesus do so as aliens, not citizens. We are so accustomed to dwelling on earth, we don't realize that in our second birth by the Holy Spirit, we become spirit (John 3:6). Spirits change their dwelling place from earth to heaven. The spirit or heart of all followers of Jesus lives in heaven. The confusion may be due to:

- 1) We don't know which heaven.
- 2) We don't know Jesus raised mankind with Him to the Father in heaven in His ascension; just as He became sin for all mankind on the cross for our salvation. Paul said in Ephesians 2:4-6, "God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
- 3) Our church doctrine doesn't say anything about our living in heaven.

Paul calls it the heavenlies and heavenly places, and Matthew calls it the kingdom of heaven. John 3:13 tells us that while Jesus walked the earth, He was in heaven, meaning physically He walked on earth while His spirit, His heart including His soul, lived in heaven.

For example, when I watch a good movie, I know I physically sit in a theater, but good actors take me to some different place where I watch and even participate in a drama scene that unfolds. Living on earth while setting our hearts and minds in heaven is like that. In Philippians 4:20, Paul says, "Our citizenship is in heaven." Having our hearts and minds occupied with earthly matters for so long, we don't know Paul's instruction means we, our spirits, live in heaven now.

In Matthew 10:7, Jesus told His disciples to, "Go. Preach, saying the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Being "at hand" means God's kingdom reign has come, with us and at the same time, above us. Jesus, in His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension opened the kingdom of heaven to mankind living on earth.

Just as we say the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, meaning Saudi Arabia ruled by a king, likewise we say the kingdom of heaven meaning heaven ruled by a king. Heaven ruled by King Jesus has become the inner man dwelling place for newly created followers of Jesus.

We may ask, “Which heaven?” We know Genesis chapter 1 says God created the heavens (plural) and the earth, meaning only one earth, but more than one heaven.

In 2 Corinthians 12:2-4, Paul tells of his experience of being caught up into the 3rd heaven which he called Paradise. Jesus told the repentant thief on the cross, “today, you will be with Me in Paradise,” (the 3rd heaven). When Bible authors speak singly of heaven, they are usually referring to the 3rd heaven where our spirits and eventually our transformed bodies will reside upon our physical death.

That leaves 1st and 2nd heaven neither of which are referred to by name in scripture; therefore we know nothing about either of these. Since we know we don’t yet dwell with Jesus in the 3rd heaven, we evidently reside with Him in either the 1st or 2nd heaven while we walk the earth. Psalm 8:3 and other scriptures describe the celestial bodies in the sky, the sun, moon, stars, planets as the heaven that declares the glory of God for all physical people in the world to see; therefore I call the celestial bodies the 1st heaven.

The kingdom of heaven and heavenlies referred to in scripture, I then conclude to be the 2nd heaven that only spirit beings can see. When we say we live in heaven while we walk on the earth as aliens, we are referring to living in the 2nd heaven, the heaven above us that Jesus raised our inner man into in His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension.

Since our spirits live in the 2nd heaven, Paul exhorts us in Colossians 3:1-3, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on things that are on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden in Christ in God.”

Where does scripture say Christ Jesus is now? We know He is in 3rd heaven with all departed saints; however, Revelation 22:3 tells us the throne of God and the Lamb is in New Jerusalem. We know the sovereignty of God and of Jesus includes His omnipresence, meaning He is at the same time, present everywhere. So His being in all three heavens while also on earth is part of his sovereignty.

Hebrews 4:16 exhorts us to come boldly before his throne of grace, the throne that we read in Revelation 22:3 is located in New Jerusalem. Revelation 22:14 explains how God provides entrance for us to appear before His throne of grace, “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city (of New Jerusalem). As you read Bible Lessons 2-3 in this *Where Do You Live?* section, you will see that New Jerusalem is in 2nd heaven, the heaven where Jesus raised our inner man into, the heaven which has become our dwelling place.

The whole world can see 1st heaven with their natural eyes, but only new creation saints can see 2nd heaven with the eyes of their heart.

Our old life that existed solely on earth, died. We are now a new creation and part of a new humanity whose spirits live in the 2nd heaven in Christ, where Christ is and where His throne is; while our physical bodies live on earth. Recall John 3:13 telling us Jesus was in heaven while He walked and slept on earth. So do all of us who have experienced our 2nd birth by the Holy Spirit. Christ is with us and in us here on earth, He is with us in 2nd heaven and He will be with us after we depart from earth to the 3rd heaven; He is omnipresent.

Paul says to keep our minds where our hearts (spirits) are dwelling in 2nd heaven, where:

- (1) We receive every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3), such as spiritual growth and being filled daily with the Holy Spirit.
- (2) We receive our inheritance reserved for us (1 Peter 1:4), such as the fruit of the Holy Spirit, the manifest character of Jesus, after we suffer tribulation and perseverance (Romans 5:3-4).
- (3) We partake of God's divine nature through true knowledge of God and of Jesus (2 Peter 1:3-4). His nature is our inheritance we appropriate as we pursue true knowledge of Him in His Word and through the essential act of experiencing Him as we, filled and led by the Spirit, pursue the work to which we have been called.
- (4) We maintain fellowship with God, the Father and His Son Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3), conversing with Him, our Lord and Bridegroom and Father, and loving Them intimately. In return, we receive His intimate love and joy and acceptance, He takes our troubles onto His shoulders, and He instills encouraging words in our hearts. Psalm 16:11 tells us, "In His presence is fullness of joy."
- (5) We maintain fellowship with one another in the light (1 John 1:7), speaking to one another about heavenly topics so that the Lord hears and writes it in His book of remembrance (Malachi 3:16). In the light, we are about the work God has called us; therefore we will have much to share and to edify and encourage one another.
- (6) We bring victorious change on earth through persevering battles against Satan and his principalities and powers (Ephesians 6:10-12). If we are walking in the light, Satan will be furiously opposing us in our calling or preparation, and there will be much to join together in earnest warfare against him.
- (7) In spirit, we place ourselves in different places on earth. Jesus prayed for someone at a distance as though standing next to him, and Paul was with the Corinthian church in spirit when they dealt with sin (1 Corinthians 5:3-4). Being somewhere in spirit requires prayer with earnest compassion, not simply imagination. Hebrews 13:3 says we can be with mistreated prisoners as if chained with them.
- (8) In the same vein as (7) above, we, through our tribulations in the will of God, can bring transforming glory to others in the body of Christ (Ephesians 3:13).

- (9) There is no day difference in heaven. If your congregation is asked to fast on Tuesday, and you can't fast until Wednesday. It doesn't matter, you still join their Tuesday fast.
- (10) We can demonstrate the power of heaven with signs and wonders, God bearing witness to our ministry of reconciliation (Heb 2:4). When we are obediently about the work God has called us to finish, He will confirm our efforts in various ways, including working wonders in answer to our prayers.
- (11) We carry multiple spiritual passports to identify with people of any culture with the one message of the gospel of God's love, covenant and kingdom for them.
- (12) In prayer, we can lift our eyes into heaven where God's throne is located; just as Jesus lifted His eyes into heaven when He prayed (John 17:1, Matthew 14:19, and Mark 7:34). In heaven, we submit our prayers to become spiritual words, led by the Holy Spirit.¹

Church doctrines should be amended, confessing that in those members who are born again, their inner man dwells in heaven, the 2nd heaven.

¹ Read "In Whose Image at Birth?" and "The Mark Given to Cain, to God's Mark into Every Newborn" in the "Who Are You?" series and "On Earth or in Heaven" under the Garden of Eden series found through my website, www.whatwasjohnthinking.com.