

Personal Evangelism

John 16:7-11

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The Message: God's Plan of Salvation, John 16:7-11

3. DOCTRINE—The eternal heaven will be a perfect place. No sin could enter this heaven. Man must be perfectly righteous to go to heaven.

2 Peter 3:13 (NASB)

¹³ But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Revelation 21:27 (NASB)

²⁷ and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Psalms 5:4 (NASB)

⁴ For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You.

It is God's heaven. He created it (Genesis 1:1).

Genesis 1:1 (NASB)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

He lives in it (Psalms 11:4; Psalms 115:3).

Psalms 11:4 (NASB)

⁴ The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

Psalms 115:3 (NASB)

³ But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

He says there will be no tears, sorrow, pain or *death* in heaven (Revelation 21:4), and God has the right to say who will go there.

Revelation 21:4 (NASB)

⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

If any sin were allowed into heaven, death would be there because, as we have seen, "The wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23).

Romans 6:23 (NASB)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Not only are we sinners and need our sin paid for before we can enter heaven, but also this body we have now could never live forever anyway. It will get old, sickly, and die. This body was never created to live forever. In the commercial world they call this “**planned depreciation.**” This is why your car, washing machine, lawn mower, etc., need repairs and finally just won’t operate.

God not only offers a payment for your sin so your soul can go to heaven, but He also will give you a new, glorified body that will live forever, entirely free from sin, sickness, and death. It will be like the glorified body of our Lord Jesus Christ ([Philippians 3:21](#); [1 John 3:2](#)).

[Philippians 3:21 \(NASB\)](#)

²¹ **who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.**

[1 John 3:2 \(NASB\)](#)

² **Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.**

PRESENTATION—When a person sees that he is a sinner and that with his sin he cannot enter heaven, he will be ready for the next point. Usually a statement like “Heaven is a perfect place, and no sin can enter heaven because sin would bring death” will be sufficient.