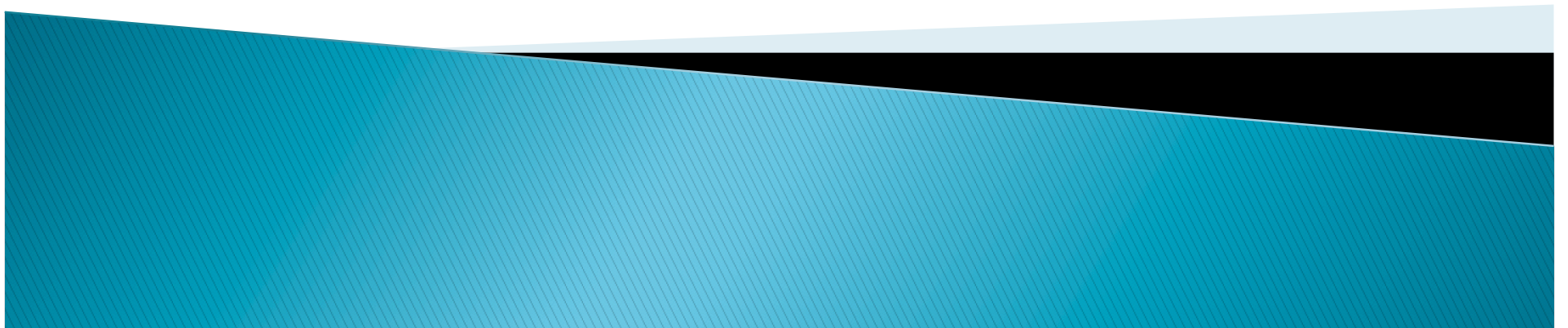


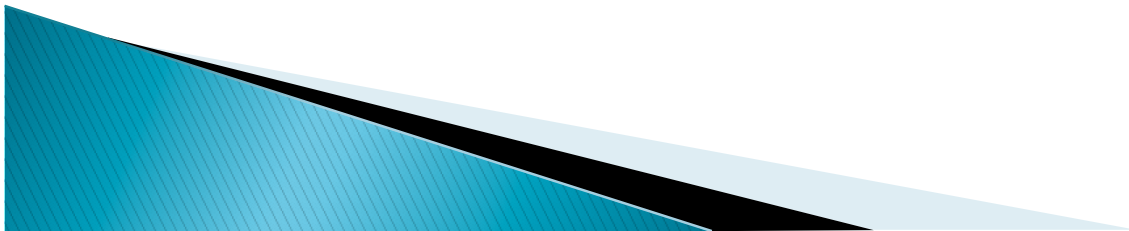
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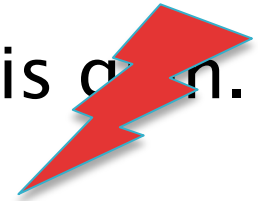
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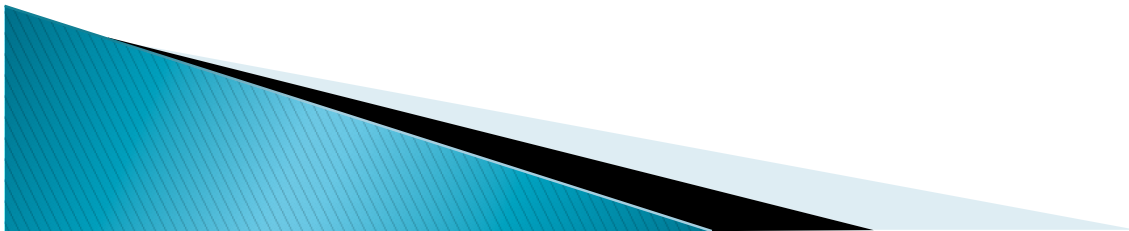


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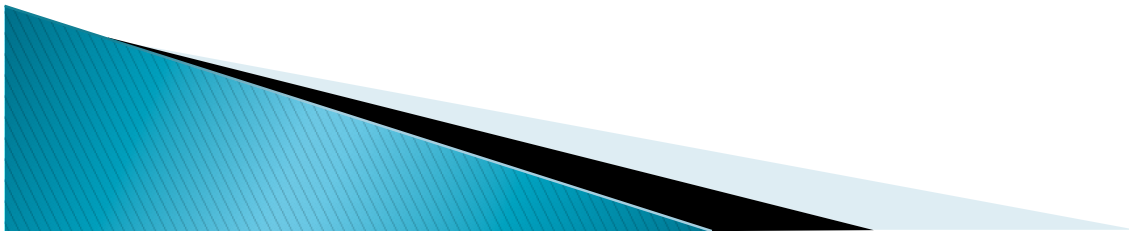


**Second best, but at least
you're not going to hell —
look on the bright side!**



How Do We Know This?

- ▶ Go To Any Adult Sunday School Class or Listen to Church Prayer Requests.
- ▶ What are They?

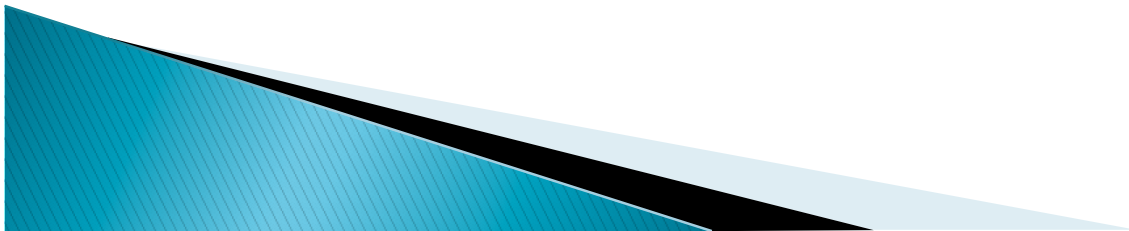


Medical Reports



What Are They Non-Verbally
Communicating?

**“I Don’t Want
to Die!”**



- 24 hour worship Service.
- Floating On a Cloud in Spirit Form.

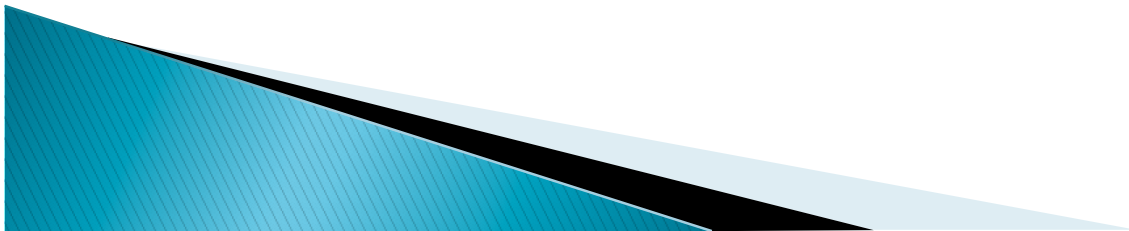
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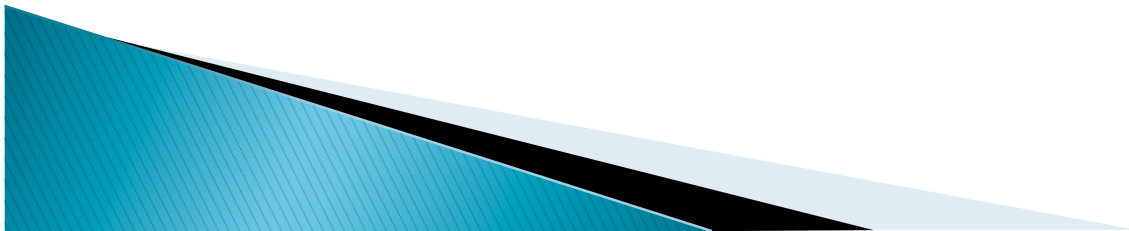
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Without Realizing It,
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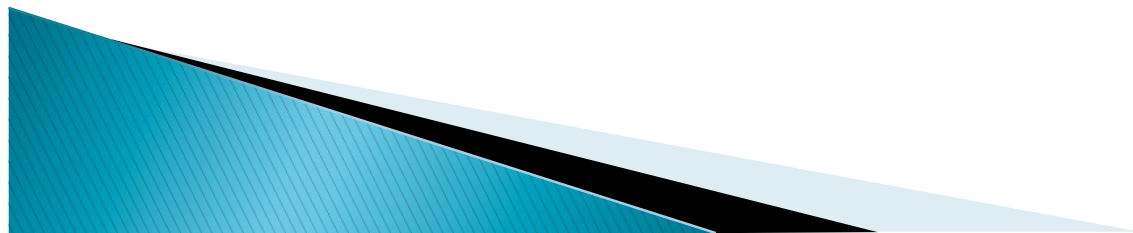
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That Are Wrong.



Heaven Is BORING.

- ▶ If we believe that Heaven is boring, it means we believe that **God is boring**.
- ▶ With God, **boredom is impossible**.
- ▶ We'll never begin to **exhaust God's sense of humor and His love for adventure**.
- ▶ The God who created us to do good works (Ephesians 2:10) **will not cancel this purpose** when He resurrects us to inhabit the new universe.



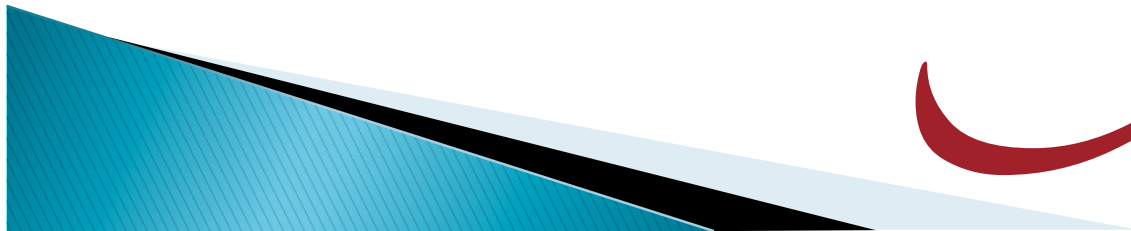
Heaven Is UNEARTHLY.

- ▶ Heaven (where God dwells) was always designed to be on earth. God was in the Garden of Eden.
- ▶ Heaven has a “tree of life.” (Rev 22:2) A tree is a physical plant on a physical earth.
- ▶ Most Christians cannot believe that Heaven will be on earth because they can only see the present earth, which is under a temporary sin and curse.
- ▶ Once that curse is taken away, Heaven will be unbelievably awesome!



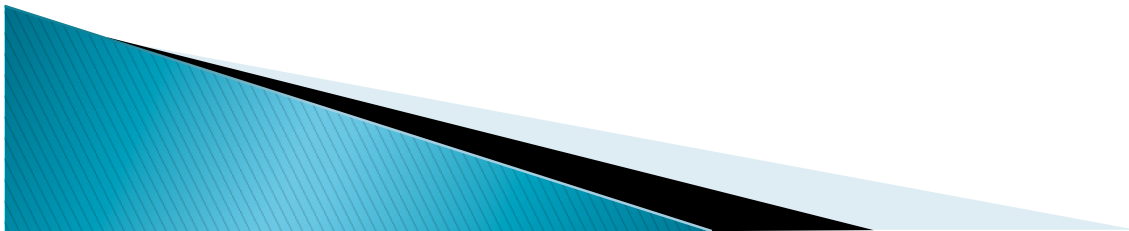
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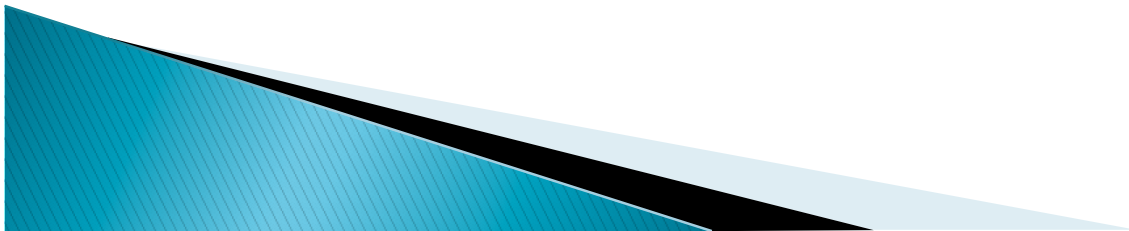
Revelation 13:6

- ▶ It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name **and his dwelling place** and those who live in heaven.



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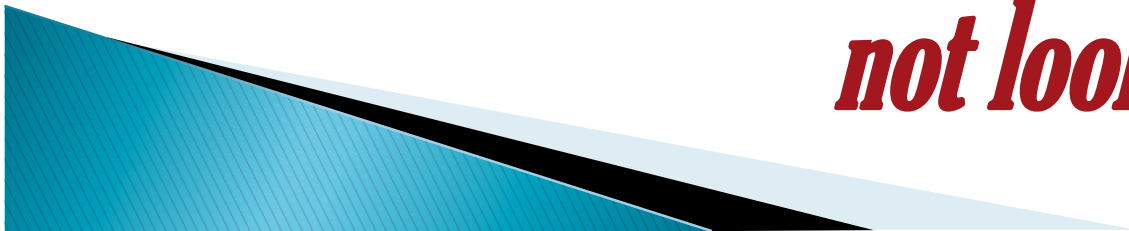
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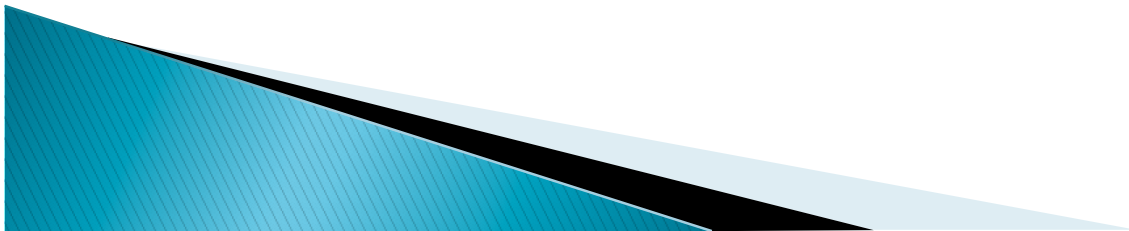
▶ **Why should we share the good news
that people can spend eternity in a
*boring, ghostly place that even we're
not looking forward to?***



1 Corinthians 2:9

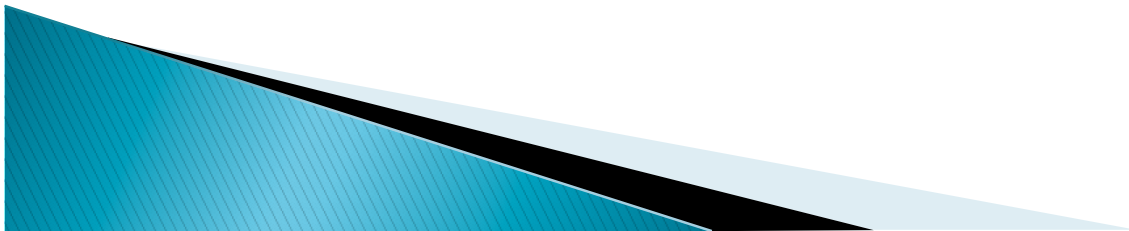
- ▶ However, as it is written: “**No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human mind has conceived**”— the things God has prepared for those who love him—

Unimaginable



1 Corinthians 2:10^a

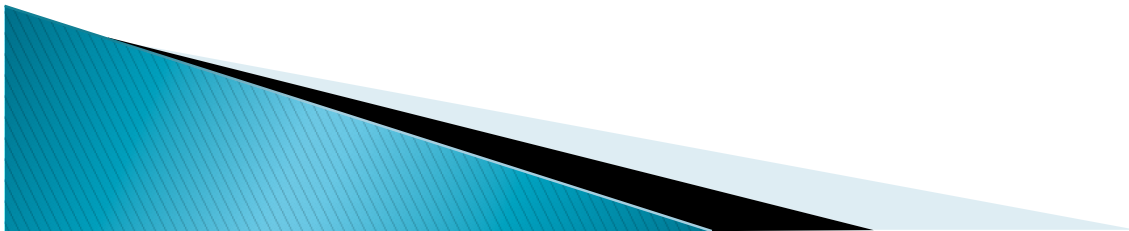
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**It's not that we don't know enough
about heaven, its about the fact that we
haven't studied what we have!**

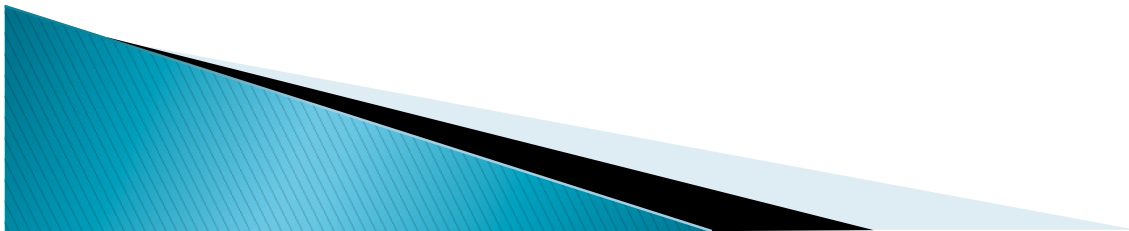


Colossians 3:1

- ▶ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God

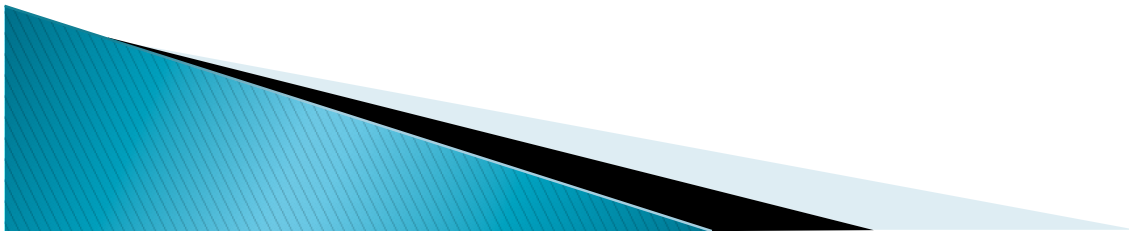


**Diligent, Active, Single-Minded
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What Has God Revealed?

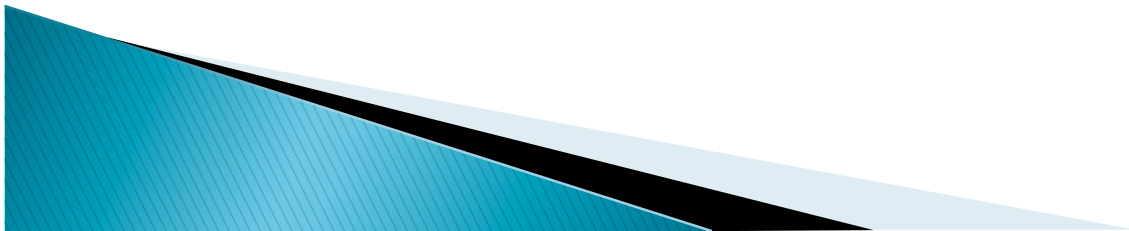
- ▶ The Present Heaven is not the permanent Heaven



Revelation 21:1^a

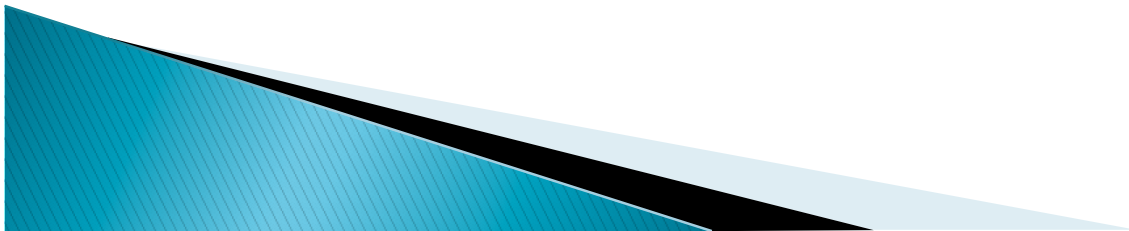
- ▶ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, ...

a new heaven



2 Peter 3:10

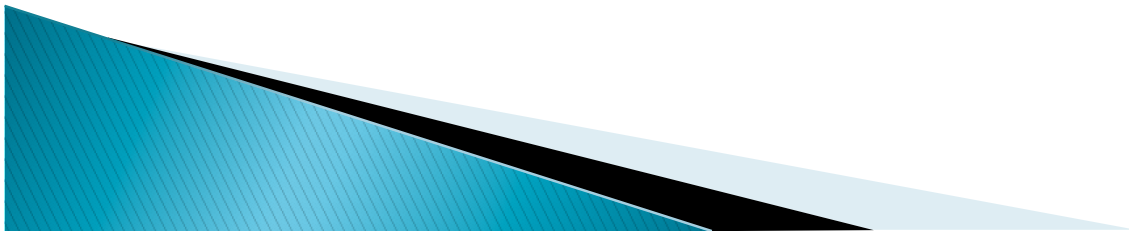
- ▶ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.



What

Else

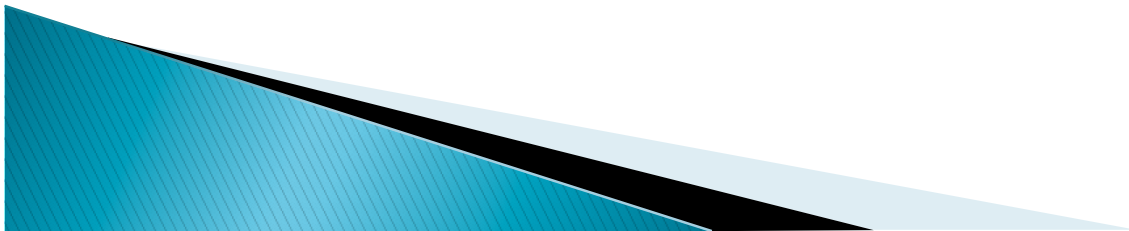
Has God Revealed?



Luke 16:19–31

(Lazarus and the Rich Man)

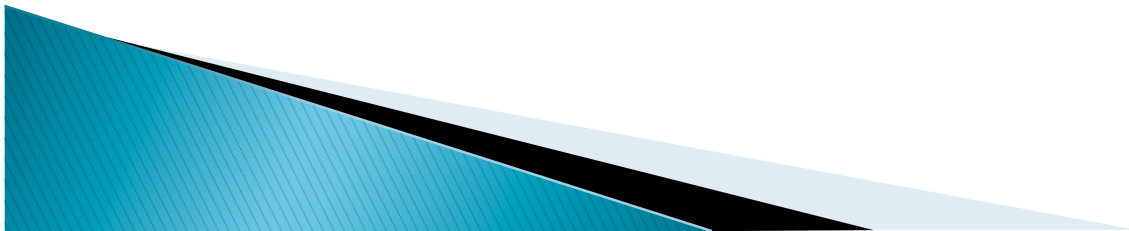
- ▶ There is a **fixed Chasm** between Heaven and Hell
- ▶ We Can **Reason** and **Communicate**
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- ▶ We will have a **Clear Memory of Things on Earth.**



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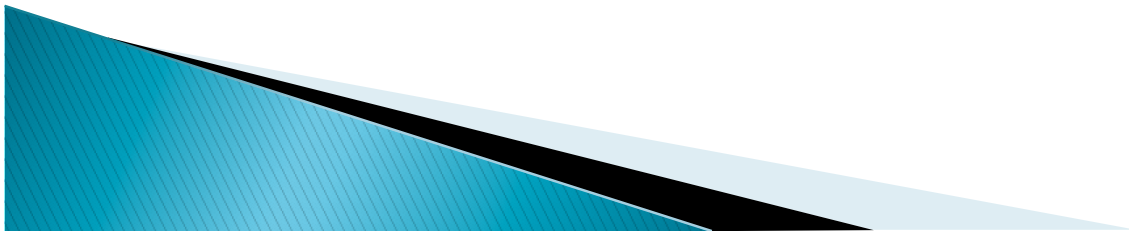
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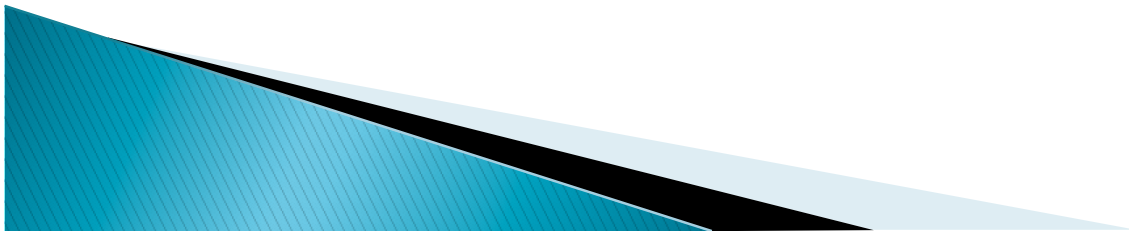
Revelation 6:9–11

- ▶ We will be Emotional and can Raise Our Voices.
- ▶ We will be Aware of Each Other and the Situation on Earth.
- ▶ We can Ask God Questions.
- ▶ There is Learning in Heaven.
- ▶ We will have a Concern for Justice.



Revelation 6:9–11

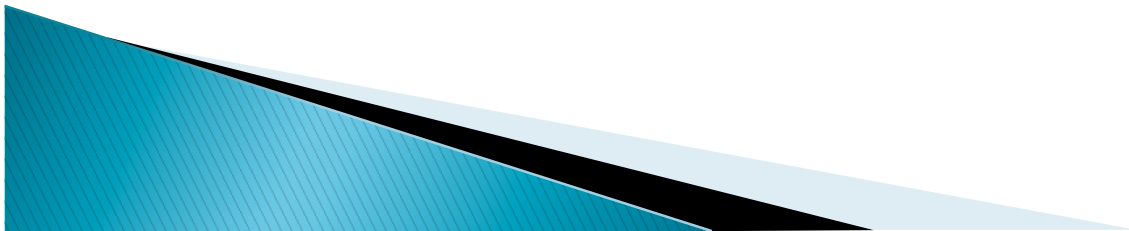
- ▶ There is Time in Heaven.
- ▶ We will still have a Strong Connection with those on Earth.
- ▶ God knows to the Last Detail what is Still Happening on Earth.



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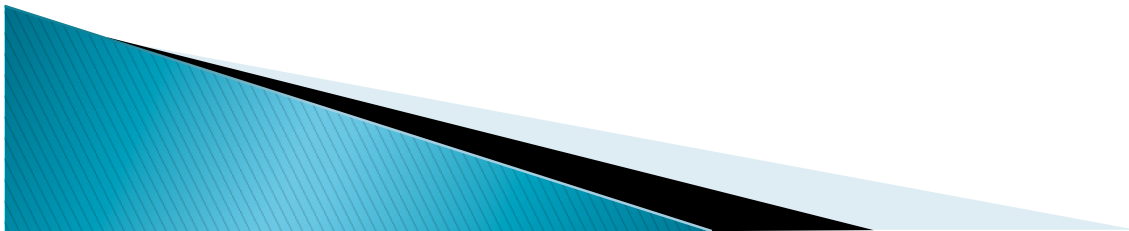
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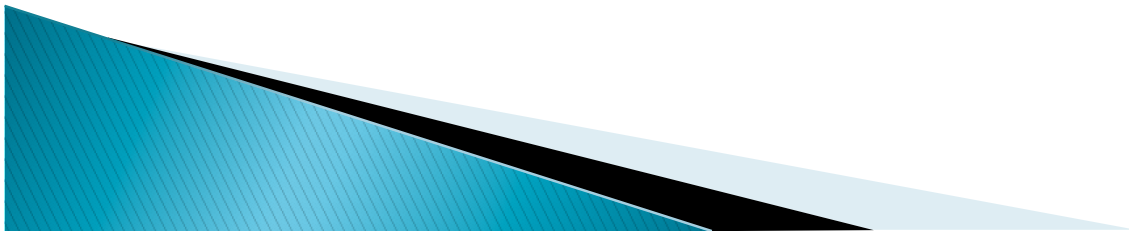
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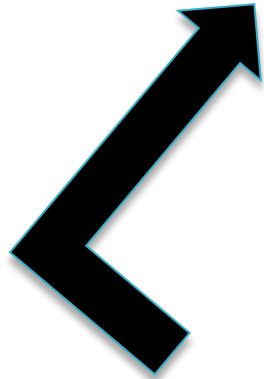
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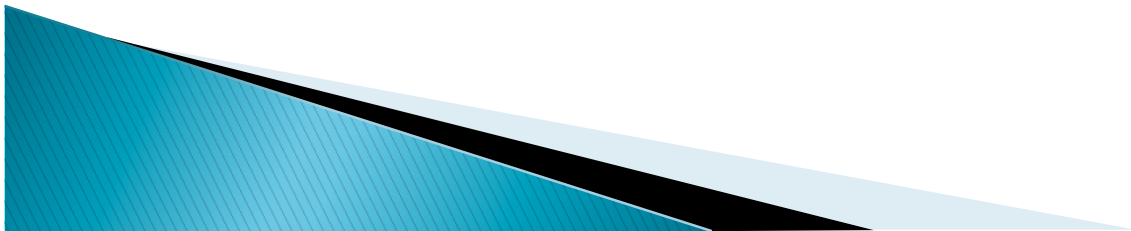
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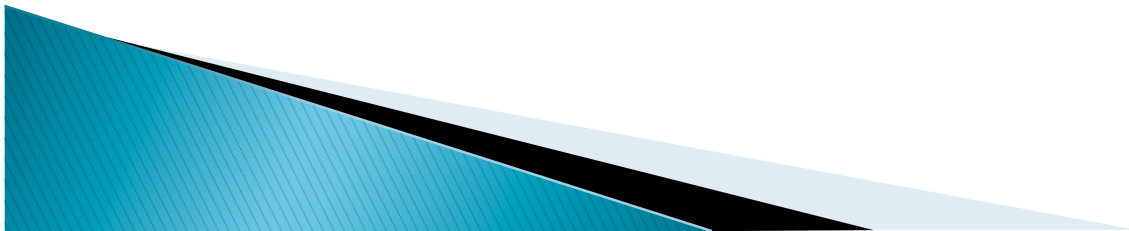
All Of These Will Be In The
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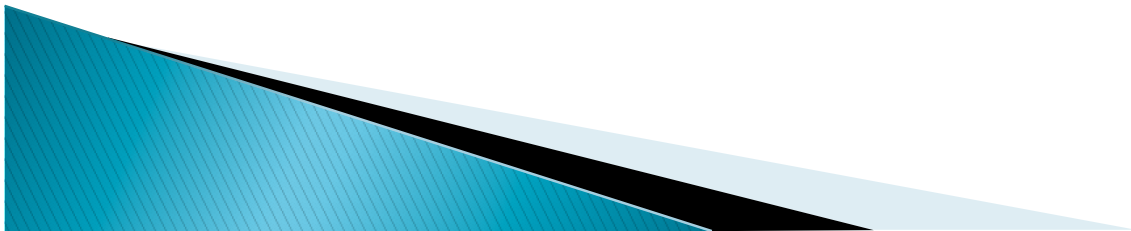
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Paul Says in 1 Corinthians 15
We Will Not All Be The

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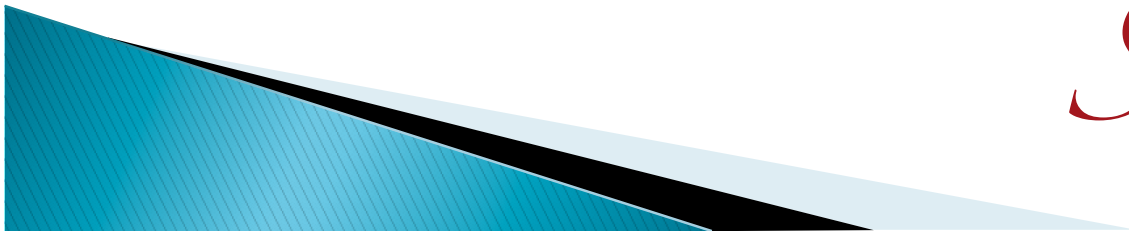
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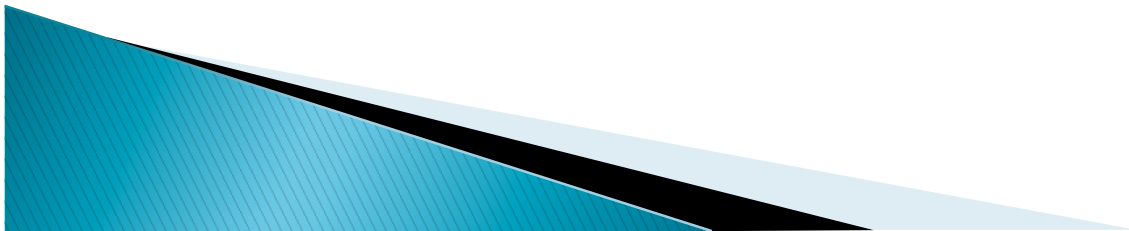
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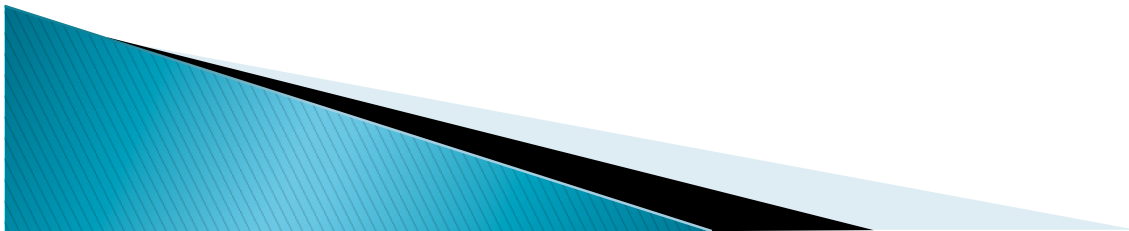
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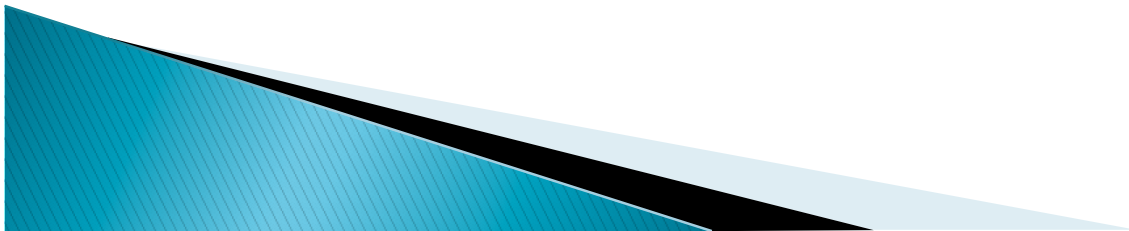
Revelation 21:27

- ▶ **Nothing impure will ever enter it,** nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.



This Means No Tempter, No Old Nature...

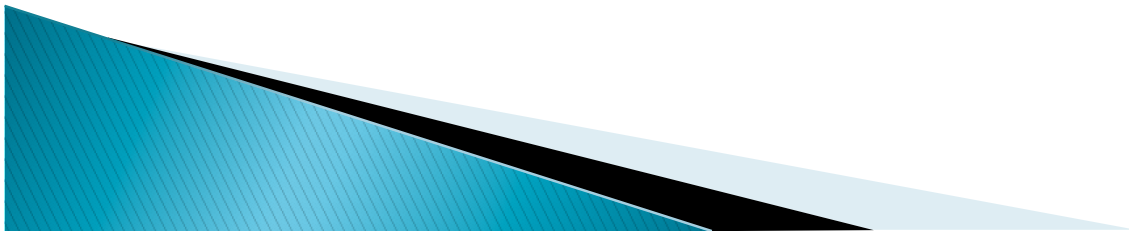
- ▶ You will no longer **struggle with temptations.**
- ▶ You will no longer have to deal with **the sin of others.**
- ▶ **Every word** spoken to you will be **encouraging!**
- ▶ Every word you say to others **will encourage them.**
- ▶ People will **want to get to know you and spend time with you!**



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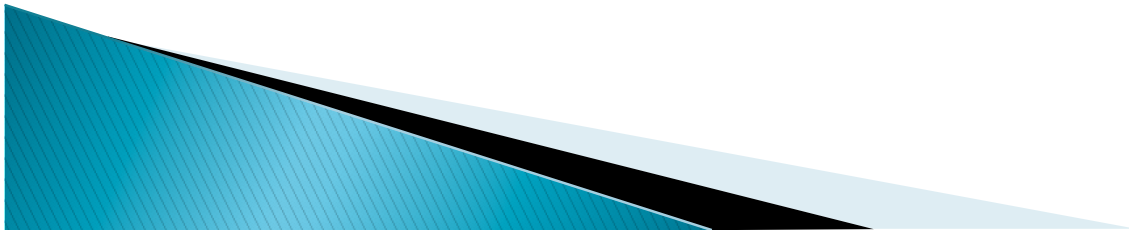
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There will be Animals in Heaven

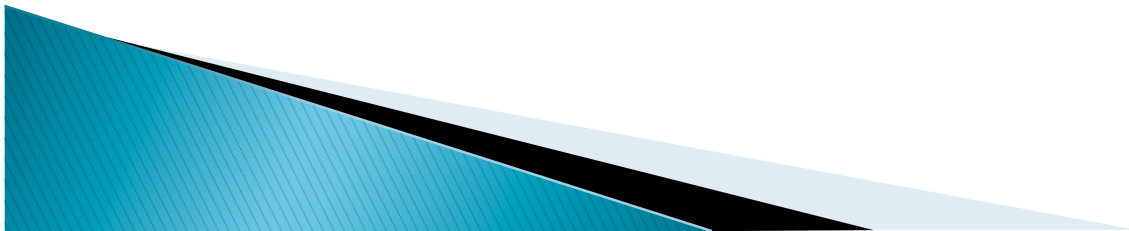
- ▶ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, **a white horse!** The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. (Revelation 19:11)
- ▶ **The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox,** and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD. (Isaiah 65:25)



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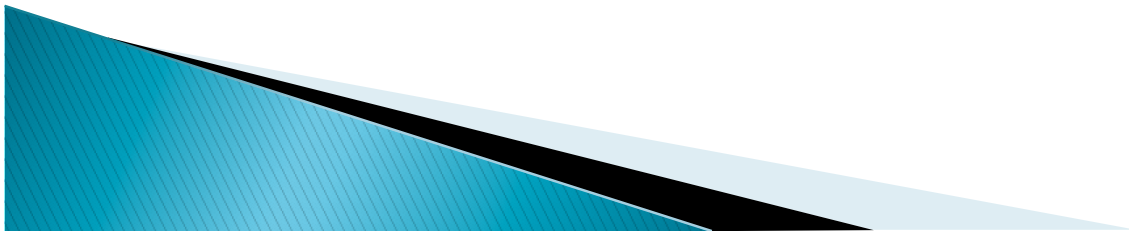
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Revelation 22:3

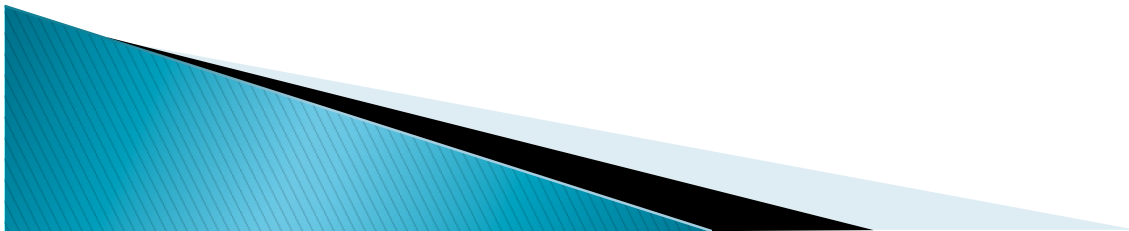
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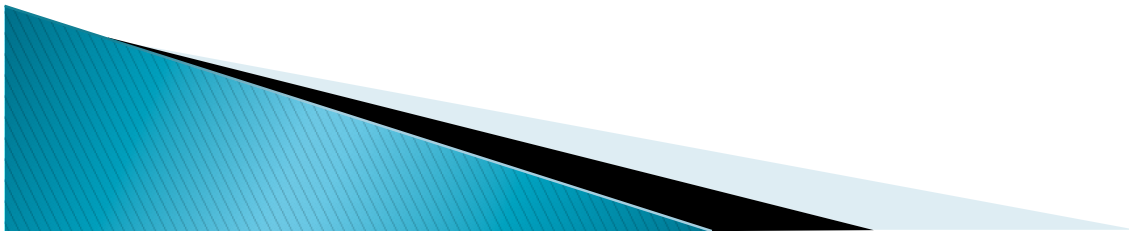
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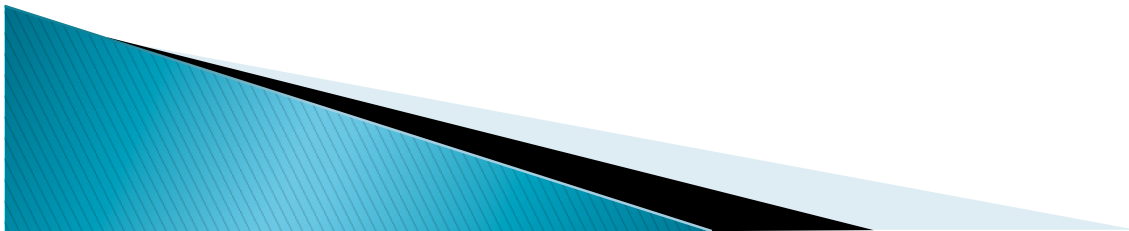
Revelation 5:10

- ▶ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will **reign on the earth.**”



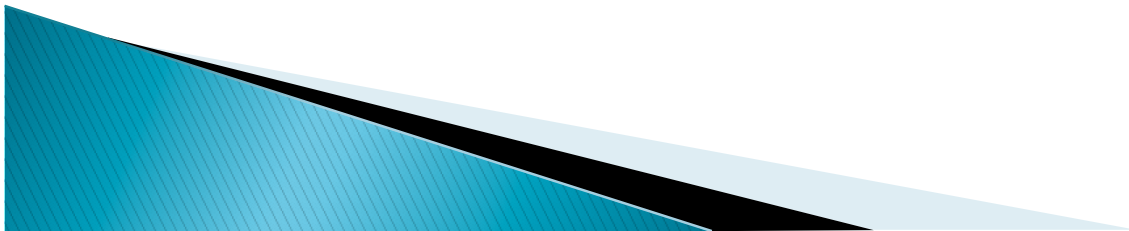
2 Timothy 2:12

- ▶ If we endure, we shall also **reign with him.**



Revelation 3:21

- ▶ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to **sit with me on my throne**, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.



Romans 8:16,17

- ▶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
- ▶ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

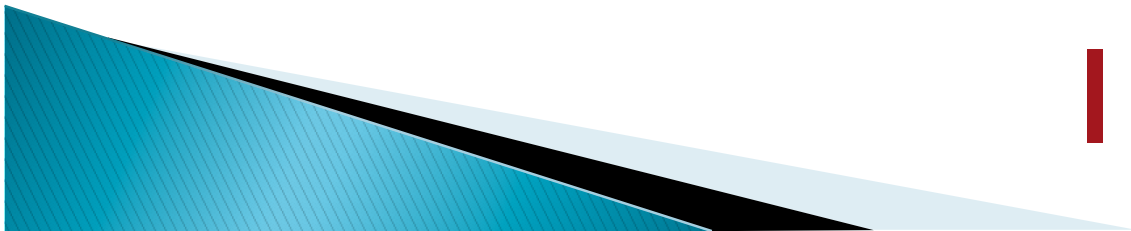


What is a “Co-heir?”

**WHATEVER ONE
INHERITS**



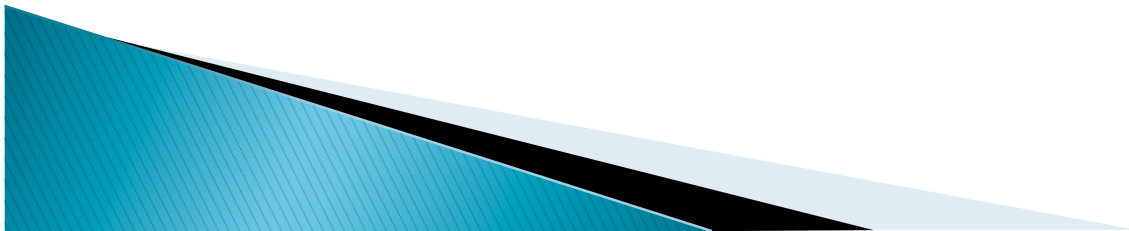
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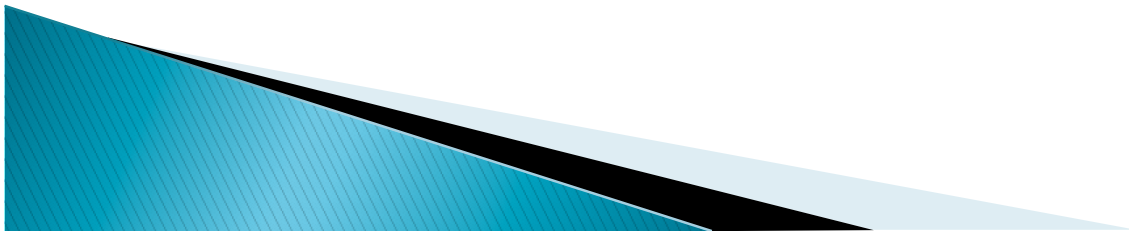
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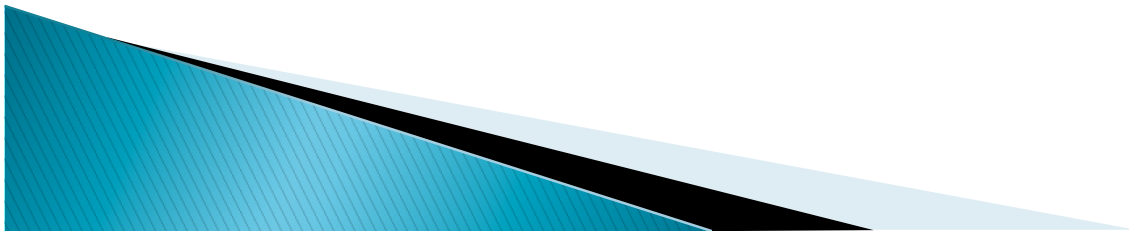


Hebrews 1:1,2

- ▶ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,
- ▶ but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, **whom he appointed heir of all things**, and through whom also he made the universe.



What Are “All Things?”



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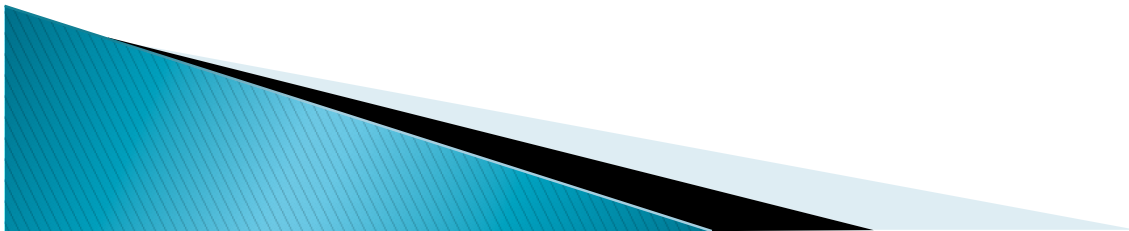
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To Rule and Reign Over.

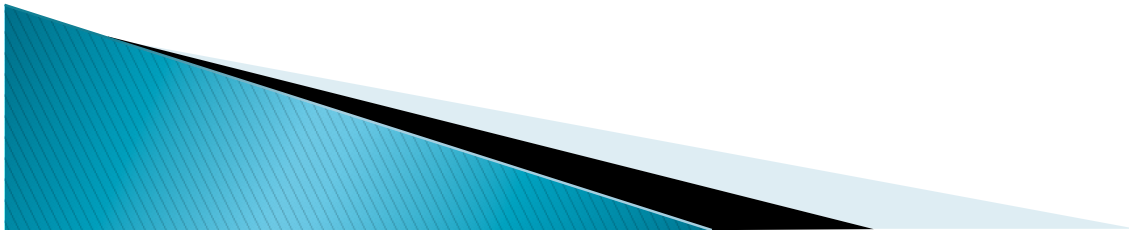


Who Will We Be Ruling Over?



1 Corinthians 6:3

- ▶ Do you not know that we will judge **angels**?



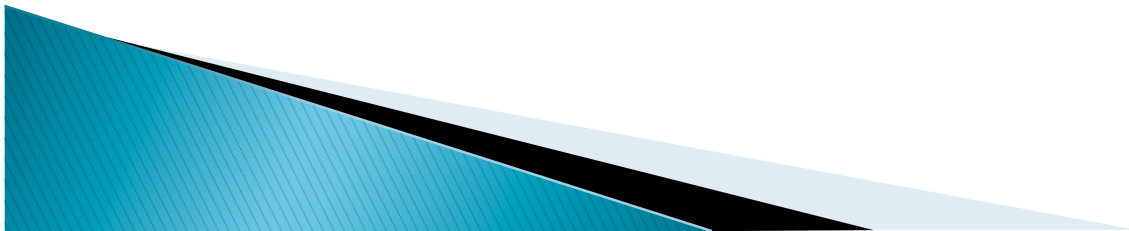
What will be our Domain in the Universe?



Luke 19:17

- ▶ “Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, **take charge of ten cities.**’

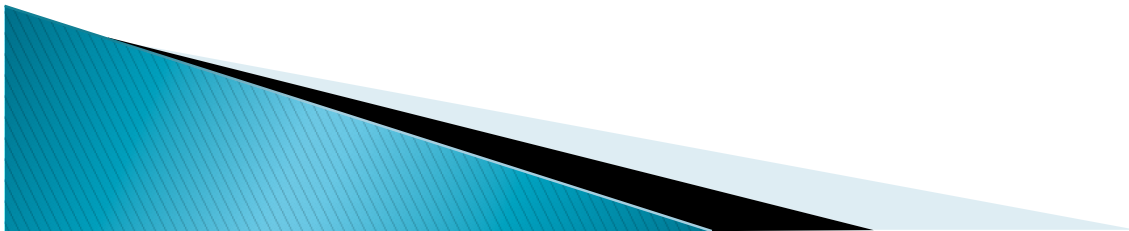
Cities!



1 Corinthians 6:2

- ▶ Or do you not know that the Lord's people will **judge the world?**

Planet.?

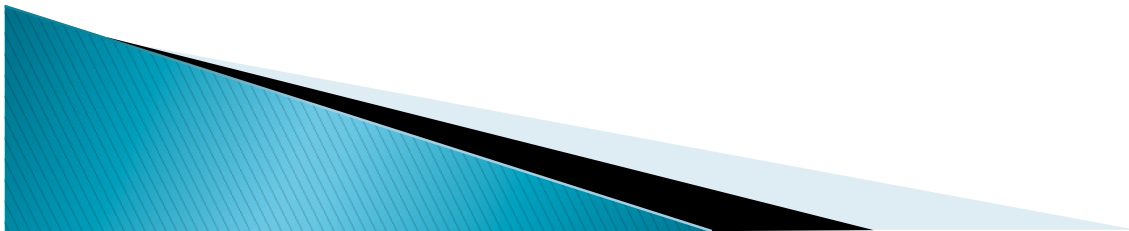


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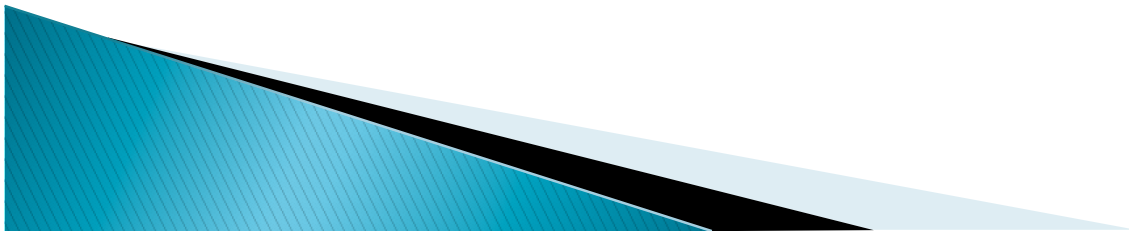
How Are Those Levels Determined?

- ▶ Now it is required that those who have been given a trust **must prove faithful**.

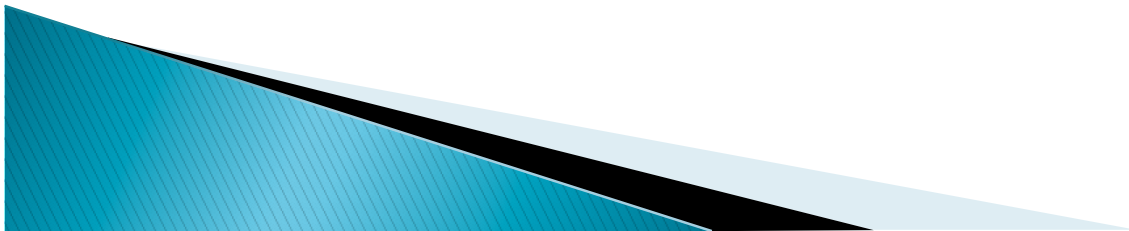
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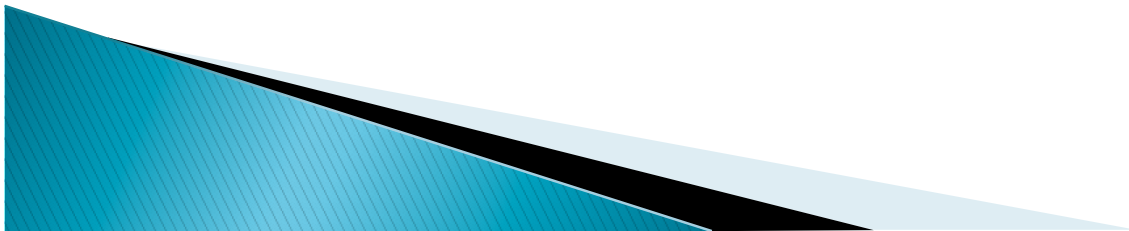


In
Conclusion



Revelation 21:5

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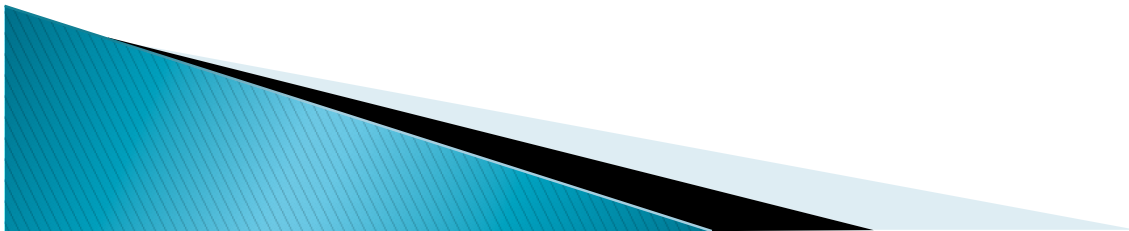


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Note:

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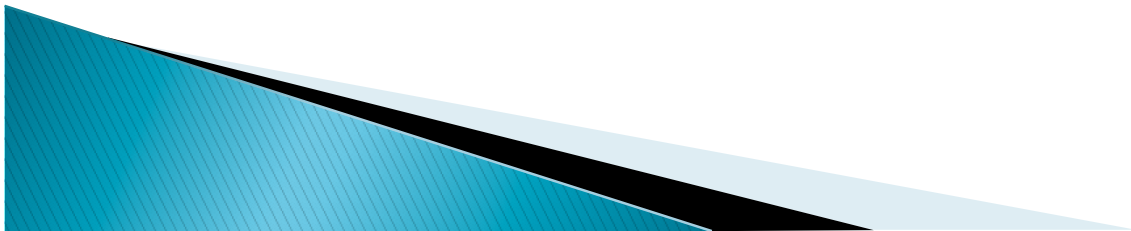
This Could Mean...

- ▶ The job you love to do the most **hasn't even been created.**
- ▶ The hobby you like the most **hasn't even been created.**
- ▶ The sport you enjoy the most **hasn't even been created.**
- ▶ The technology you delight in the most **hasn't even been created.**
- ▶ The mode of travel you will use **hasn't even been created.**
- ▶ The parts of the universe you'll explore **will always be brand new!**



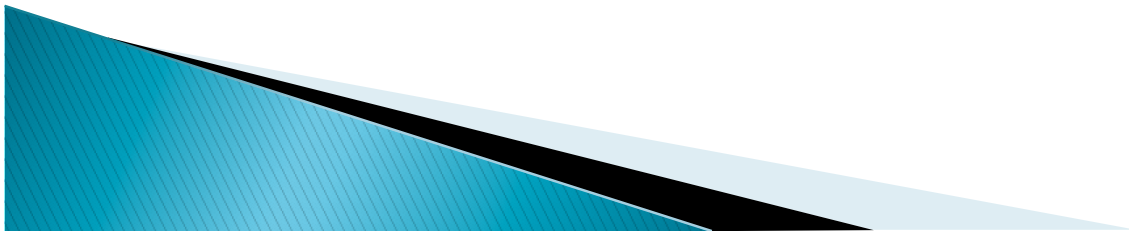
Your Best Days Are

Ahead Of You!



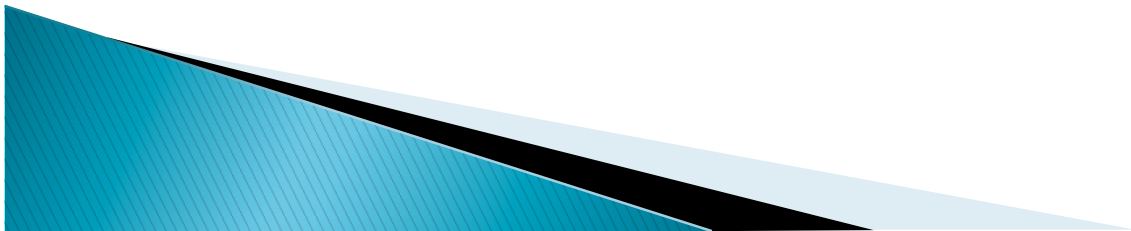
Philippians 1:21

- ▶ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is **gain**.



Heaven is so totally

COOL!!





Name

One Thing
You Learned.

