

Series: The Jesus Way  
**THE JESUS WAY: HOME**

Many people have murky ideas of heaven. In order to live rightly on Earth, we must understand the incomparable hope we have.

American Christians don't talk much about heaven except at funerals and memorial services. Could it be that our affluence and high levels of life expectancy have fogged our vision of that eternal hope?

**1. Heaven is God's idea.**

- A. God created us to live with Him, but sin spoiled everything.
- B. God redeems us through Jesus' unspeakable sacrifice, in order that we may be with Him.
- C. God has prepared this place not only for us, but for Him, so He can live with us.

*Revelation 21:1-3; John 14:1-3*

**2. Heaven is our home.**

*2 Corinthians 5:1*

- A. A place we are welcome

Ephesians 5:2 (The Message)

Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us.

- B. A place that fits us

- C. S. Lewis said, "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in the world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

- G. K. Chesterton wrote, "The modern philosopher had told me again and again that I was in the right place, and I had still felt depressed .... When I heard that I was in the wrong place ... my soul sang for joy, like a bird in spring. I knew now ... why I could feel homesick at home."

- C. A place of comfort

*Revelation 21: 3-4*

No rancor, no prejudice, no loneliness, no sickness or pain, no night, no death, no sorrow.

**3. Heaven: by reservation only.**

*John 14: 5-6*

- A. Heaven is for the redeemed.

Heaven is not for everyone. It's what Jesus said.

- B. Sin cannot enter there. Otherwise, God could not be there.

*Revelation 21:4-7*