



REASONS FOR HOPE
WEEK #6 – “THE HOPE OF HEAVEN”

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Are there good reasons for believing in life after death?

1. Science suggests that life after death may be real.
2. Humanities suggest that life after death is real.
3. The bible tells us that life after death is real.

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” John 11:25-26 (NKJV)

There are also practical reasons to believe that there is life after death.

Have you ever thought that there must be _____ to _____ than what you are experiencing?

Believing in life after death gives us _____ for the future.

Believing in life after death gives us hope for a _____ with loved ones who have gone before us.

Believing in life after death can also help to _____ us in the present.

What is heaven?

Heaven is a real place described throughout the bible.

Heaven is a wonderful place where we will continually be in the _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4 (NKJV)

How can we enter heaven?

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. John 14:6

“And all who trust him—God’s Son—to save them have eternal life; those who don’t believe and obey him shall never see heaven, but the wrath of God remains upon them.” John 3:36 (TLB)

FATHER GOD, I thank you that there is more to life than what this world has to offer. I praise you for giving me the hope of heaven. Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins. I open my heart to you right now. I choose to trust in you and follow you from this day forward, because I believe. In Your Name, AMEN.

GET A REASONS FOR HOPE BOOK AND JOIN A LIFE GROUP

Open Up: *How has the hope of heaven impacted your life?*

Share Scriptures: *Let different members share a verse or idea from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean to them?*

Talk It Over: *How can you embrace the hope of heaven in greater measure, and share it with others?*

Pray Together: *Pray for each other to be comforted by the hope of heaven, especially related to personal loss.*