

# ETERNITY

## More Big Questions

### **Do we turn into angels when we die?**

Nope. It sounds cool, but the Bible describes angels as a separate kind of created being. Humans are one thing and angels are something completely different. The Bible mentions various kinds of angels, such as archangels (e.g., 1 Thessalonians 4:16), cherubim (e.g., Genesis 3:24), and seraphim (Isaiah 6:2-3).

### **What about my pets? Is my cat in heaven with Jesus and my Nan?**

I bet your cat was amazing and you really loved it! The truth is the Bible doesn't tell us specifically about pets and eternity. We do know the difference between humans and animals is that humans were made in God's likeness and animals were not. Does that mean only humans will go to heaven or live eternally? Maybe, but we can't be certain. Also, did you know in the future there will be a new heaven and a new earth? (See Revelation 21:1.) That new earth will probably have many of the awesome things this earth has on it—like animals!

### **How do we know what heaven is like if we can't visit it?**

We know the kingdom of heaven is where God, the Father, is right now. We also know Jesus is there, too. The Bible gives us some descriptions of what heaven is like. We know that in heaven there are no more tears, no more sadness, no more pain, and no more death. (See Revelation 21:4.) Jesus is preparing a place in his Father's house for those who love him. Revelation 21:16-25 shares some incredible descriptions of what John saw in what's called the "New Jerusalem." It describes the most beautiful city, where there is no sun needed because God's glory shines everywhere!

### **What about hell?**

The Bible tells us a little bit about what hell is like, but not what it is or how it works. A lot of what we picture is from cartoons or stories. They aren't accurate because we don't know much from what we read in the Bible. We do know hell is a place for Satan and his (fallen) angels. It's a very sad place. Being there is compared to burning, or being in total darkness, and being apart from God. Hell is not a place we'd like to go. However, we know Jesus is the way to God and as Christ-followers we get to be with him forever!

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