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**REVELATION 21:4**

4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

**WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH . . . BIBLICAL ANSWERS TO EVERYDAY QUESTIONS #1  
HEAVEN AND ETERNAL SECURITY**

I am excited about the four-week series that we begin today. I've entitled it, "What's The Deal With . . . Biblical Answers to Everyday Questions." Several years ago I wrote a book with 500 of the most common questions that teenagers ask about the biggest issues in life. That book was the result of many years of sitting with high school students in a restaurant and listening to them wrestle with some of life's biggest questions. The format for the night involved splitting the students into different tables where there was an adult present. The kids could ask anything they wanted to about the Bible, God, other religions, life in general, etc. Our rules were that students had to try to answer the question first. When they answered they were to tell us, "I answered this way because 1) the Bible says so in . . . , 2) because someone I respect told me that this was the answer, 3) because I've just always believed that . . . , or 4) I don't know why I answered it that way, I just did. Obviously choice number one carried the most weight. The job of our adults was to correct any heresy that might be floating around the table on any given night. We called the ministry *Pizza and God Talk*, and I'm thrilled to say that to this day the ministry continues to run every other Wednesday night during the school year in Eden Prairie. Most weeks the ministry attracts around 80 students. Why? Because people are hungry for answers!

For the next four weeks, we are going to try to answer some of the questions that you have turned in about a variety of subjects. Today, we'll begin with questions about Heaven. I had hoped to cover eternal security in this sermon, but time won't permit it. I will address that issue in another way over the course of this series. Over the course of the next few weeks we'll talk about questions that you turned in about hell, prayer and fasting, the Bible and science, Old Testament laws and more. You may not agree with everything that I say. Some of you may say, "That's not what I've always heard about the subject." I'm going to encourage you to go back and search the Scriptures to see what the Bible has to teach about the subject; for the Bible is our ultimate authority. Because of the time constraints of the service, I'll just touch the tip of the iceberg on what the Bible teaches about these topics. So, we've provided some books for further study that supplement each week's message. Each of these books is available in our church library or for purchase after the morning services. I want to encourage you to study as much as you can about these subjects, because they are vitally important in the Christian life and will deepen your relationship with Jesus.

Would you take some time to pray with me this morning?

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit. We ask you guide us this morning as we look into your Word and seek to understand you more. We praise you for the hope that we have of spending eternity with you and ask that you would help us understand Heaven more as a result of our time here today. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Maybe you've heard the story of the New York cabbie and the pastor who died and went to Heaven at the same time. How many of you have had the privilege of being a passenger with a New York cabbie? You know then that it is a little bit like taking your life into your own hands to drive in a New York cab. Well, when the cabbie and the pastor arrived in Heaven, St. Peter met them at the gate to show them to their new homes. To the cabbie he said, "See that mansion up on the hill with the beautiful view?" "Oh boy, yes I do!" said the cabbie. "That's yours!" said Peter. The cabbie was so excited. Then Peter looked at the pastor. He said, "See that shack next to the sea down there?" "Yes," said the pastor. "It's not much to look at!" "Well, that's your new home. Get used to it." "What?!" said the pastor, incredulously. "Why did the cabbie get a beautiful mansion, and I, a servant of God, got a measly shack?" "Well," said Peter, "When the cabbie drove people prayed like never before. They felt closer to God in that cab, sensing His provision and protection than ever before. And, when you preached they slept like never before!"

There is perhaps no subject in the Bible that generates as many questions among Christians as the topic of Heaven. It doesn't seem to matter if I am talking with a group of adults or a group of students; if an open question and answer time is a part of the equation I can almost guarantee that at some point questions are going to be asked about Heaven. We are curious about our final destination.

It's no mistake. God designed us to long for a place that we have never been before. In Ecclesiastes 3:11 we read, "11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

That longing for Heaven was put there by God! Greg Laurie compares that longing to having our own personal GPS device. A GPS is supposed to lead us to a destination. We plug in an address and the GPS should theoretically take us to that address. How many of you have ever had a GPS take you to the wrong place? It happens all of the time.

Laurie says, "GPS can fail us, but now think about the sophisticated homing instinct of a bird, a bird that God created, that seems to have better GPS than our latest technology. Consider a bird known as the Manx Shearwater. These amazing birds nest off the coast of Wales. Scientists took a number of them and tagged and released them at different points around the globe to see if they could find their way back home to the coast of Wales. In just 12 days all the birds made their way back, and one bird in particular made it back from Boston travelling 250 miles a day from a place it had never been before to make it back home. Now that is what you call a homing instinct!"<sup>1</sup>

Like birds, God has put a default destination into the heart of the believer. That destination is our eternal home. We long for Heaven. As much as our hearts long for Heaven, study after study confirms that Americans have a misunderstanding of what Heaven is all about.

In his classic work, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, author Mark Twain began his book by placing Huck in the home of an old spinster named Miss Watson. The woman was not fond of Huck's best friend, Tom Sawyer, and was certainly not fond of the way in which Huck behaved. She made continual threats to Huck, using the punishment of hell as her primary weapon. Huck says the following in chapter one, "She went on to tell me all about the good place. She said all a body would have to do there was go around all day long with a harp and sing, forever

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_GdtKHfd2I&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_GdtKHfd2I&feature=related)

and ever. So I didn't think much of it . . . I asked her if she reckoned Tom Sawyer would go there, and she said, not by a considerable sight. I was glad about that, because I wanted him and me to be together."<sup>2</sup>

So how do you picture Heaven?

Mark Buchanan is one of the most underrated authors of our generation. A pastor in Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Mark writes with a passion for Christ and what the church could and should be. In his book, *Things Unseen*, Mark writes the following about Heaven:

"I assume that you're like me: I can get itchy-skinned and scratchy-throated after an hour or so of church. I can get distracted and cranky when it goes too long. My feet ache, my backside numbs, my eyes glaze, my mind fogs, my belly growls. I find myself fighting back yawns, and then not fighting them back, letting them gape and roar, a signal to my oppressors: *Let my people go.*

And I'm the pastor.

Is Heaven *church forever*?

The popular images we have of Heaven only make it worse. A long tradition in art, both classical and pop, has depicted it as the playground of plump, porcelain-skinned cherubs, flitting about on stubby wings or lolling about on downy clouds, plucking harps, singing in sweet, trilling falsettos. Everything is soft, wispy, dainty, pastel, languid. And this is supposed to inspire us.

*So I don't think much of it.*

I have an ambition. I want to recover something that has been almost completely buried under the accumulation of two thousand years of false ideas. I want to restore something that, from the tampering and mauling of countless hands, from the blowing and wheezing of countless pulpits, has been so damaged that it's unrecognizable. I want to render a true picture of Heaven.

If we are going to become Heavenly-minded, we need a vision of Heaven worthy of the effort. If Heaven is what the stereotypical portraits make it out to be – the chubby angels, the fluffy clouds, the chamber music, the endless church – I'm no more interested in it than Huck Finn is. The only thing that vision of Heaven inspires is boredom – or, worse, dread."<sup>3</sup>

Several years ago Newsweek Magazine published an article entitled *Visions of Heaven*. In the article they recorded the following poll results.

76% of Americans believe in Heaven.

71% believe it's an actual place.

19% believe that Heaven looks like a garden

13% believe that Heaven looks like a city

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<sup>2</sup> Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, (New York: Fawcett Columbine, 1996), pp. 5-6.

<sup>3</sup> Mark Buchanan, *Things Unseen*, (Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Publishers, 2002), pp. 66-67.

17% don't know what it looks like

And, the vast majority who didn't believe in Heaven said that in their heart of hearts that they wished that there was a Heaven.<sup>4</sup>

Fascinating that even those who deny the existence of Heaven, secretly wish in the deepest parts of their soul that there was a Heaven! God has put eternity in their hearts. The Bible describes Heaven as the dwelling place of God. It is called a garden and a city and perhaps Jesus said it best in Luke 23:43. He was speaking to a thief on the cross and referred to Heaven as paradise!

What is your vision of paradise? It's beginning to get cold in Minnesota. When the temperatures turn and the snow starts to fall, my mind naturally begins to think about warm destinations. I dream about sand and palm trees. I dream about a gentle breeze off of the ocean. But that picture pales in comparison to Heaven.

Jesus said in John 14:2-3, "2In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Heaven is the dwelling place of God. He is preparing a place for you and for me. Which leads many to question:

### **1. Do I go to Heaven immediately after I die or is there some sort of purgatory I have to go through first?**

Most people only think about the present Heaven when they think about Heaven. The present Heaven is what many theologians refer to as the intermediate Heaven. Randy Alcorn writes, "For Christians, it's where we go when we die. It's the place we'll live until our bodily resurrection.

Our Christian loved ones who've died are now in this present, intermediate Heaven. (This is not the same as purgatory, which is not a biblical concept. The Bible teaches that Christ paid the complete price for our atonement, and thus we can do nothing to add to it.)

The Heaven we go to when we die is a place without suffering, but it is not the place we'll live forever. Our eternal home, where God will come down to dwell among his people, is called the New Earth (Revelation 21:1).

At the culmination of human history we're told in reference to the New Earth, "The dwelling of God will be with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God" (Revelation 21:3). Since Heaven is, by definition, God's dwelling place, the fact that he will come down to dwell with us on the New Earth will make it synonymous with Heaven."<sup>5</sup>

When we die we go immediately to Heaven. The Apostle Paul said so in 2 Corinthians 5:6-8.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2002/08/11/why-we-need-Heaven.html>

<sup>5</sup> Randy Alcorn, *Heaven: Biblical Answers to Common Questions*

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 We live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

But, the present Heaven, where believers and angels and God now dwell is not the permanent Heaven. That will come when God vanquishes Satan, and demons, and evil once and for all. Revelation 21-22 has much to say about our permanent home.

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "All the things that have ever deeply possessed your soul have been but hints of [Heaven]—tantalizing glimpses, promises never quite fulfilled, echoes that died away just as they caught your ear. But if it should really become manifest—if there ever came an echo that did not die away but swelled into the sound itself—you would know it. Beyond all possibility of doubt you would say 'Here at last is the thing I was made for.'"<sup>6</sup>

## 2. What will our new bodies be like?

The Bible tells us that we will receive resurrected bodies when we get to Heaven. I know some people that think that everyone in Heaven is going to look like a supermodel or that they are going to have the athletic ability of a superstar athlete. Some think that they will be all-knowing in Heaven. But, only God is unknowing. The Creator is all-knowing; we who are created will know more than we do on earth, but not as much as God. We'll be continually learning in Heaven.

I like what Greg Laurie says here. "God is going to give you a brand new body but it won't be unlike our earthly bodies. The blueprints for our glorified bodies are in the bodies we now possess. However our glorified bodies will be perfect. Heaven is the earthly life of the believer, glorified and perfected."<sup>7</sup>

Listen, your soul is eternal; your present body is not. However your glorified body will be eternal. Imagine you, whom God has created, as being glorified in His presence and perfected. The In 1 Corinthians 15:43-44 the Apostle Paul wrote about our bodies: "43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body."

Many of you know the story of Joni Eareckson Tada. As a teenage girl, Joni had a diving accident and was left a paraplegic. She has used the platform that God has given her to accomplish extraordinary things, with an incredible joy that can only be found in Christ. She writes about our glorified bodies in her book *Heaven Your Real Home*, "No more bulging middles or balding tops. No varicose veins or crow's feet. No more cellulite or support hose. Forget the thunder thighs and highway hips. Just a quick leapfrog over the tombstone and it's the body you've always dreamed of. Fit and trim, smooth and sleek. It makes me want to break into giggles right now! In Heaven, I'll be free to jump up, dance, kick, and do aerobics. And although I'm sure Jesus will be delighted to watch me rise on tiptoe, there's something I plan to do that may please Him more. If possible, somewhere, sometime before the party gets going, sometime before the guests are called to the banquet table at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, the first thing I plan to do on resurrected legs is to drop on grateful, glorified knees. I will quietly kneel at the feet of Jesus."

<sup>6</sup> C.S. Lewis, *The Complete C.S. Lewis Signature Classics* (New York: Harper Collins), p. 640.

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_GdtKHfd2l&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_GdtKHfd2l&feature=related)

Then, after a while, Joni writes, "I shall spring to my feet, stretch my arms, and shout out to anyone within earshot of the whole universe, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and might, honor and glory and blessing!'"

Joe McKeeever, a devotional blogger adds, "As for me, I plan to be standing in the wings taking in this incredible sight, and then applauding this precious sister's antics."<sup>8</sup>

Our resurrection bodies will resemble His. I love what the Apostle John wrote in 1 John 3:2.

2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

When Christ rose from the dead, He had contact with many people. Over 500 people witnessed the resurrected Savior. In the 40 days after His resurrection and before He ascended into Heaven we see that Christ had a physical body, in the sense that you could touch him, he ate fish, he walked with people. But, he also had a body that allowed him to enter a room without using the door and ascended into Heaven. Our bodies will be like Christ's resurrected body, and I can't wait!

Yesterday I went to the eye doctor for the first time in about 25 years. My eyes have been bothering me a little bit lately and yesterday I found out that I need bifocals. I'm getting old!

Greg Laurie shares a little piece called, *Telltale Signs You Are Getting Old*.

"You know you're getting old when you get winded playing chess.

When you try to straighten the wrinkles in your socks and then realize you aren't wearing any.

When your pacemaker accidentally pens the garage door.

When you bend over to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do when you are down there.

When your mind makes commitments your body cannot keep.

When someone calls you at 9:00 in the evening and says, "Did I wake you?"

When your ears are hairier than your head."<sup>9</sup>

Aren't you happy that there is a dwelling place waiting for us on the other side? Remember the passage in John 14 I read to you earlier that says, "In my Father's House are many rooms?" That is the way the NIV translates the passage. The KJV says, "In my Father's House are many mansions." Other translations use the word "dwelling places" instead of rooms or mansions. The same Greek word translated "rooms" in the NIV is used in 2 Corinthians 5 to refer to our new bodies. It's possible that Jesus was talking about our new bodies in Heaven in John 14, and it's very possible that he was talking about mansions.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.joemckeeever.com/mt/archives/000875.html>

<sup>9</sup> [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_GdtKHfd2I&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_GdtKHfd2I&feature=related)

In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul writes, “1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in Heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our Heavenly dwelling,”

### **3. Will we recognize one another in Heaven?**

The short answer is, “Yes!” The relationships that you have on earth will be better in Heaven. You are not going to know less in Heaven than you do on earth. You’ll know more. Because of the absence of sin, the purity of our thoughts the glorification that takes place due to the presence of God, our relationship with each other will be stronger, purer and sweeter than ever before.

When Jesus appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses and Elijah, no one had to point out to the disciples who Moses and Elijah were. They knew. In Heaven, I believe that we will be able to recognize each other without the need of nametags. You will have wonderful relationships with old friends and new friends and who knows, your best friend for eternity may be someone you haven’t ever met here on earth.

### **4. What will we do in Heaven?**

So many people have that false concept that Heaven is going to be a boring place. It wouldn’t be paradise if it were boring!

Randy Alcorn writes, “If you picture the eternal Heaven as a disembodied state, you have reason to fear boredom – because God didn’t make us for such a world. But when you understand the meaning of our bodily resurrection and the new universe, all thought of boredom will disappear.

The New Earth will be a place where the impulses to come home and to launch out into a new adventure will both be fully satisfied. It’ll be a place where we’re constantly discovering – where everything is always fresh, and possession of a thing is as good as the pursuit of it. Yet it’s the place where we’ll be fully at home – where everything is at it ought to be and where we find, undiminished, that mysterious something we never fully found in this life.

We will no longer be homesick for Eden. We will experience at last all that God intends for us. Because the joys of Heaven will overflow from the multifaceted wonders of God, Heaven will be endlessly fascinating, just as God is infinitely fascinating.”<sup>10</sup>

In Heaven, we will worship God. And, we’re going to have perfect voices. Revelation 15:2 says, “2 And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God.”

Billy Graham has recently published a book entitled, *Going Home*. It really is a remarkable book from a man who has walked with God for years as he prepares to die and go to Heaven. I’ve had many people tell me that the beginning of the book is depressing. It’s hard to read what Dr. Graham is going through in his old age. But, toward the end of the book you see the excitement in Dr. Graham’s life as he looks forward to going to Heaven. At one point he tells the story of a conversation he recently had with Cliff Barrows, his worship director at the Crusades for all

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<sup>10</sup> Alcorn.

these years. Barrows has told Billy, "When we get to Heaven, you're not going to have a job anymore. There won't be a need for evangelists in Heaven, but I'll be busy directing a Heavenly choir." Billy jokes back, "I may not be needed as an evangelist, but I'm pretty sure my voice is going to be better than yours in Heaven. I'm going to be directing an even better choir!"

We will be busy doing our Father's business when we go to Heaven. God will have work for all of us to do in Heaven. And that makes me glad. Revelation 7:15 says, "15 Therefore, 'they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.'"

Joe Bayly was an author and Christian thinker who died much too young in the 1970's. Before going in for a difficult surgery he began to think about Heaven. He wrote the following, imagining what a conversation in Heaven might look like:

"I'll say, 'Hello, Lord. I'm tired.'

And He'll say, 'Rest, because I have work for you to do.'

'Rest?'

'Yes. Remember that I myself rested on the seventh day of creation. So rest is not incompatible with Heaven's perfection.'

'And work?'

'Of course. Did you think Heaven would be an eternal Sunday afternoon nap? My people serve me in Heaven. I have work for you to do.'

Later, as the conversation unfolds, Bayly asks if he will recognize his loved ones there.

'Didn't my servant Paul tell you that the assurance of reunion with your loved ones should bring you comfort? Where would the comfort be if you couldn't recognize them?'

'How about people like Moses, or Abraham, or Stephen?'

'You'll know them, too. Didn't my disciples, Peter, James, and John, know Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration?'

Bayly remarks that Heaven seems more of a city than anything else.

The Lord answers, 'Yes, it is a city--not people living in isolation, like on a vast Texas ranch, but living together. Not independent, everyone living his own life, but living together in perfect love, perfect harmony, perfect cooperation. Some of my children may have lived lonely lives on earth, but never here in Heaven. Isolation, the ultimate loneliness, is not for my people but for those who would not respond to my Spirit, who would not trust me for life eternal.'"<sup>11</sup>

So, we will work in Heaven. The Bible also tells us that we will eat together in Heaven. I'm excited about that one! I love a good meal. Can you imagine what it will be like to share a meal together in Heaven? Revelation 19:9 says: 9 Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.ioemckeeper.com/mt/archives/000875.html>

those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

We’re not just going to eat with those we know. We’re going to eat with the giants of the faith. In Matthew 8:11 we read, “11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven.” Wouldn’t it be amazing if your best friend in Heaven was a giant of the faith? Who knows what will happen?!

I can’t wait to be reunited in Heaven with loved ones who have gone on before me. I can’t wait to meet the son who Cyndi and I lost in her 14<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. Greg Laurie tells the story of being reunited with his son who was tragically killed in a car accident. When he son was a little boy, he used to say to his dad, “What’s that? S’t that daddy? S’t that daddy?” And his dad would answer, “That’s a baseball field son. Or that’s a crocodile son. Or that’s a jeep son.” Greg says, “When I get to Heaven, I’m going to say to my son, ‘S’t that, son,’ and he’ll reply, ‘That’s the Sea of Glass Dad,’ or ‘that’s an angel, Dad.’” Greg then said, “I’m going to ask my son, ‘When do we eat dinner?’ and he’s going to reply, ‘Any time Dad!’”<sup>12</sup>

But Heaven is ultimately about Jesus! We will be present with the Lord. We will experience Him as He is. We will worship Him for eternity. We will see Him.

Listen to Revelation 21:1-8.

1 Then I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

That passage describes the contrast between those who will spend eternity in Heaven and those who will spend eternity in hell. Have you made your reservation for Heaven? Our arrival there is dependent solely upon Him. It is Christ who saves us, not ourselves.

John 3:16-18 says, 16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in

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<sup>12</sup> [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_GdtKHfd2l&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_GdtKHfd2l&feature=related)

him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

The only reason any of us have any hope of Heaven is because of the work that Jesus did for us on the cross, when He took our place, taking the punishment for our sins upon Himself. If you haven't made a commitment to trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord, why not let today be the day? Today is the day of salvation! Today is the day to trust Him with your life! You can begin your relationship with Jesus today by praying this prayer, right where you are.

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*Thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you, Jesus for taking my place on the cross. I believe that You are who You said that You are. I believe that you lived a perfect life, died on the cross, rose from the dead three days later and live today with resurrection power and the ability to transform my life. Today, I ask You to forgive my sins – every sin I've ever committed. Today I give you control. I'm through with trying to live on my own terms. I ask you to take control and to take me to live forever with you when I die.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen.*