

READING Heaven, chs. 3–4	KEY TEXTS John 14:1–6; Rom. 3:21–26; Rom. 8:31–39
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CENTRAL TRUTH: Heaven is not automatic, and assurance is not earned. God brings sinners home by grace through Jesus Christ, received in repentant faith and faithful following.

The Way Home: Christ, Assurance, and Eternity

Three Gospel Anchors

- **THE WAY** — Jesus Christ does not merely point toward the Father; he brings us to the Father.
- **THE GROUND** — Christ’s reconciling work, not our moral achievement, is the ground of assurance.
- **THE GRIP** — God’s love in Christ is stronger than accusation, suffering, death, or any created power.

Private Self-Examination

The ground I have been tempted to trust is ...

Christ is inviting me to turn from ...

The promise I want to receive is ...

The next faithful step of following is ...

For Next Wednesday: Week Three, What Happens When We Die?

Read: Heaven, chapters 5–7; Luke 23:39–43; Philippians 1:20–23; 2 Corinthians 5:1–10; Revelation 6:9–11.

Bring: One phrase Christians commonly use about someone who has died. We will ask whether it is biblical, a reasonable inference, or an assumption.