



## Heaven Is For All

You were born for heaven. This means that God wants you and everyone else He's ever created to be with Him and to be happy forever. Jesus said,

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

(Matthew 6:19-21)

When you look to God, turn away from evil, ask for God's help, and do your best to live in His ways, He will begin to work miracles in your spiritual life. You will grow to become an angel in heaven!

*“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.”* (Luke 11:28)

*“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a firm spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”* (Psalm 51:10-12)



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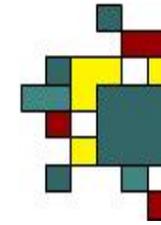
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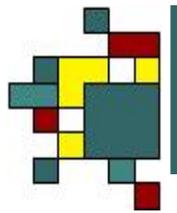


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## Growing Toward Heaven

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Everyone would like to go to heaven, and God's will is that all of us live there with Him in happiness and joy to eternity. The world and everyone in it was created for this very purpose. Shortly before He was crucified, Jesus said to His disciples,

*"Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy... I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*  
(John 16:22,33)

How do we find true happiness? What is the sure path to heaven? Do we have to wait until we get there to be happy? In the Bible, God gave His people some very simple yet profound rules for living: the Two Great Commandments - *Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself*; the Golden Rule - *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*; the Ten Commandments. The foundation for spiritual life is loving God and other people, being useful, and turning away from evil tendencies in ourselves.

This is the key to real happiness, and when He came into the world, Jesus showed people what a life of happiness looks like - the path to heaven.

*"A new command I give unto you, that you love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this will all know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."*  
(John 13:34-35)

Some people believe that happiness, or being "saved," comes from simply believing in certain teachings, or praying to a particular God. The New Church teaches that believing alone is not enough - we have to act on what we believe, we have to live our lives in such a way that God's love shows through us. People who say they believe in God but still live a life of evil do not grow and are not saved. Jesus said,

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven,"* and, *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and does them is like a person who built his house upon the rock."*  
(Matthew 7:21 & 24)

## Living Our Faith

We have to live our faith. When we build our lives on a strong foundation of the Lord's teachings, and try to put those teachings into practice, then we begin to walk that special path to happiness and heaven. And we can experience that right here, right now; every time we do something good, we get a feeling of joy and satisfaction, which is heavenly happiness. When we love God's commandments and try to live by them, the angels of heaven surround us and help us along the way

## A Spiritual Formula

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Life in this world is preparation for life in heaven, and the path is really quite simple!

Look to the Lord - Learn about His teachings, ask Him to show you what changes need to be made in your life, pray for His guidance every day.

Look at yourself - What are the hurtful things that stop you from being happy and walking the good path to heaven?

Confess to the Lord - Admit the things you do that are wrong, and pray that God will remove any selfishness you may have.

Shun evil - Actually turn away from a particular evil, and ask the Lord to remove it from your life. Take action yourself, but remember that it is the Lord who gives you the strength to overcome temptations.

Begin a new life of good - Look for ways to be of service to others, and ask God to show you new opportunities to be useful. As you do this, heavenly qualities of compassion and love will become stronger in you.

