**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

**Is God Good?**

**Heaven**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.* **(I don’t lack anything)**  *2    He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
3    He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. 4*  *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

 *5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,* My cup overflows. *6* ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.***  **Psalm 23: 1 – 6 (ESV)**

**Ephesians 2: 5 - 7 (NLT)**

*...even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) 6For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.*

**What is heaven?**

1.  **It’s an actual place.**

*In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

2.  **Heaven is an eternal place.**

**2 Corinthians 5: 1 (ESV)**

 *For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

3.  **Heaven is an exclusive place.**

**Revelation 21: 27 (ESV)**

 *...nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

 **Matthew 7: 13 & 14 (NLT)**

 *“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.*

**How is heaven different?**

**1 Corinthians 2: 9 (NLT)**

*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.*

**What will NOT be in heaven?**