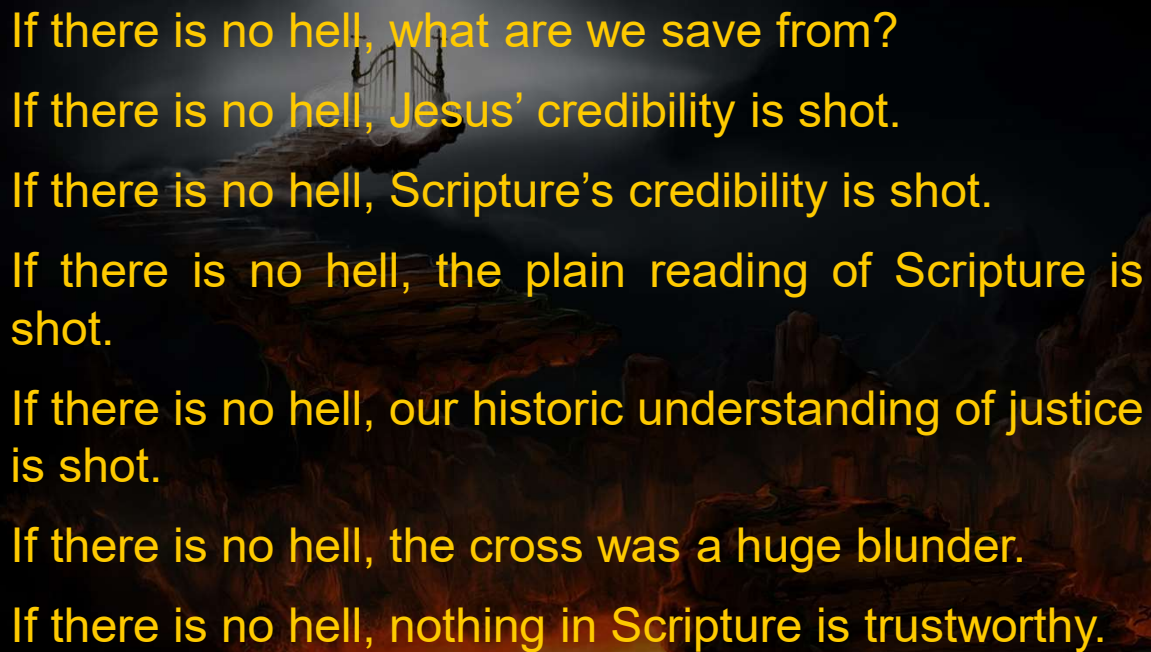




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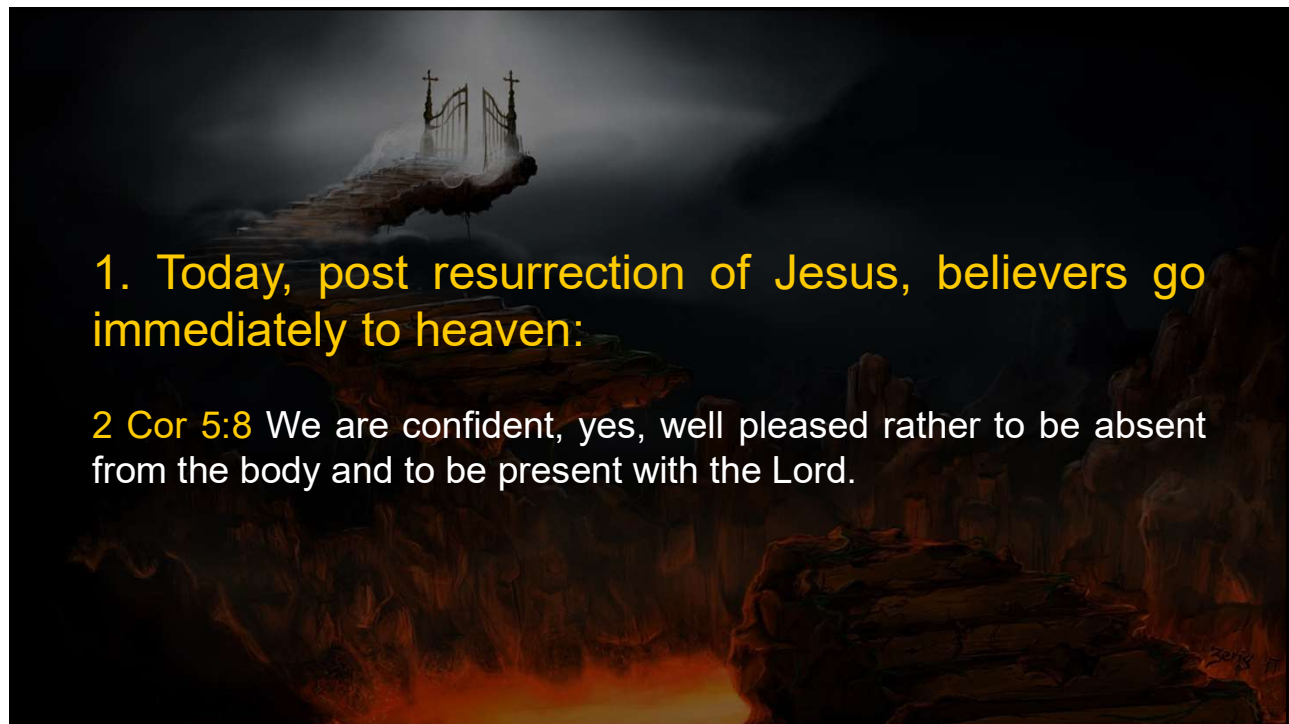
If there is no hell, what are we save from?
If there is no hell, Jesus' credibility is shot.
If there is no hell, Scripture's credibility is shot.
If there is no hell, the plain reading of Scripture is shot.
If there is no hell, our historic understanding of justice is shot.
If there is no hell, the cross was a huge blunder.
If there is no hell, nothing in Scripture is trustworthy.

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So, where is hell?

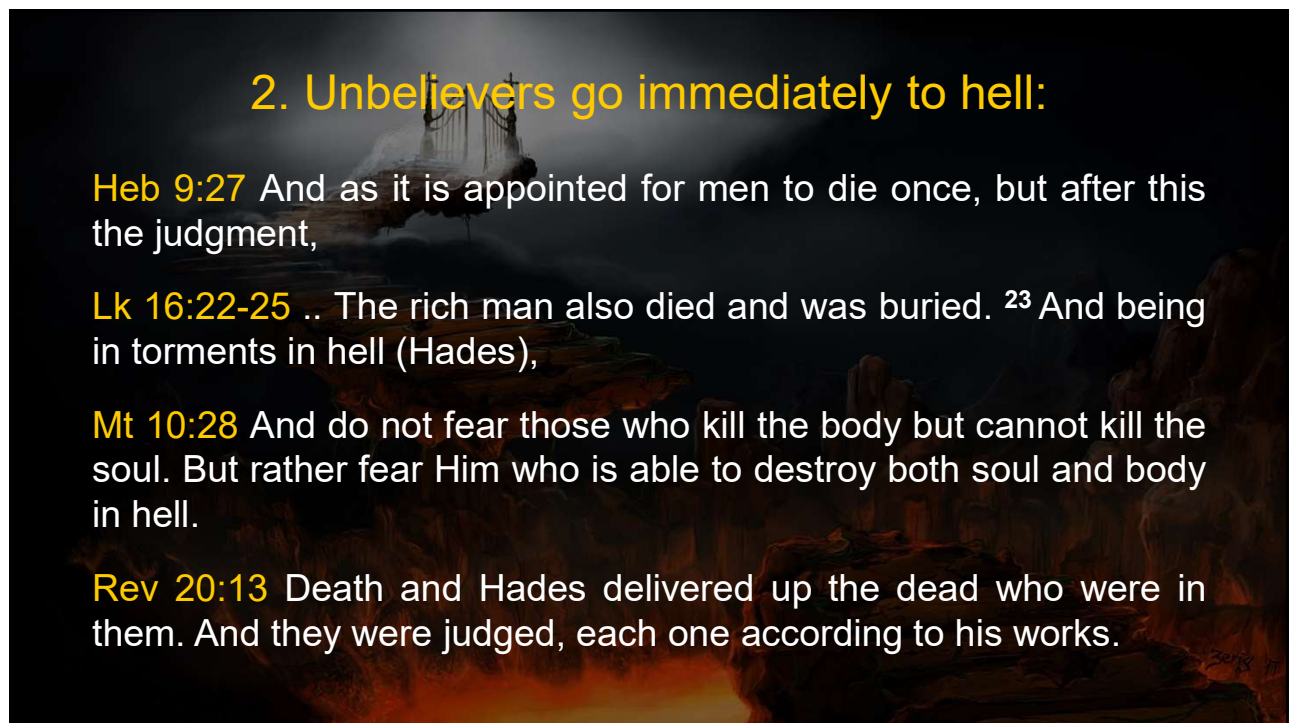
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1. Today, post resurrection of Jesus, believers go immediately to heaven:

2 Cor 5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

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2. Unbelievers go immediately to hell:

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Lk 16:22-25 .. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in hell (Hades),

Mt 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Rev 20:13 Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

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3. Before Jesus' resurrection, believers went to a "temporary" heaven:

Lk 16:22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.

Lk 23:42-43 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

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4. How were the O.T. saints saved?

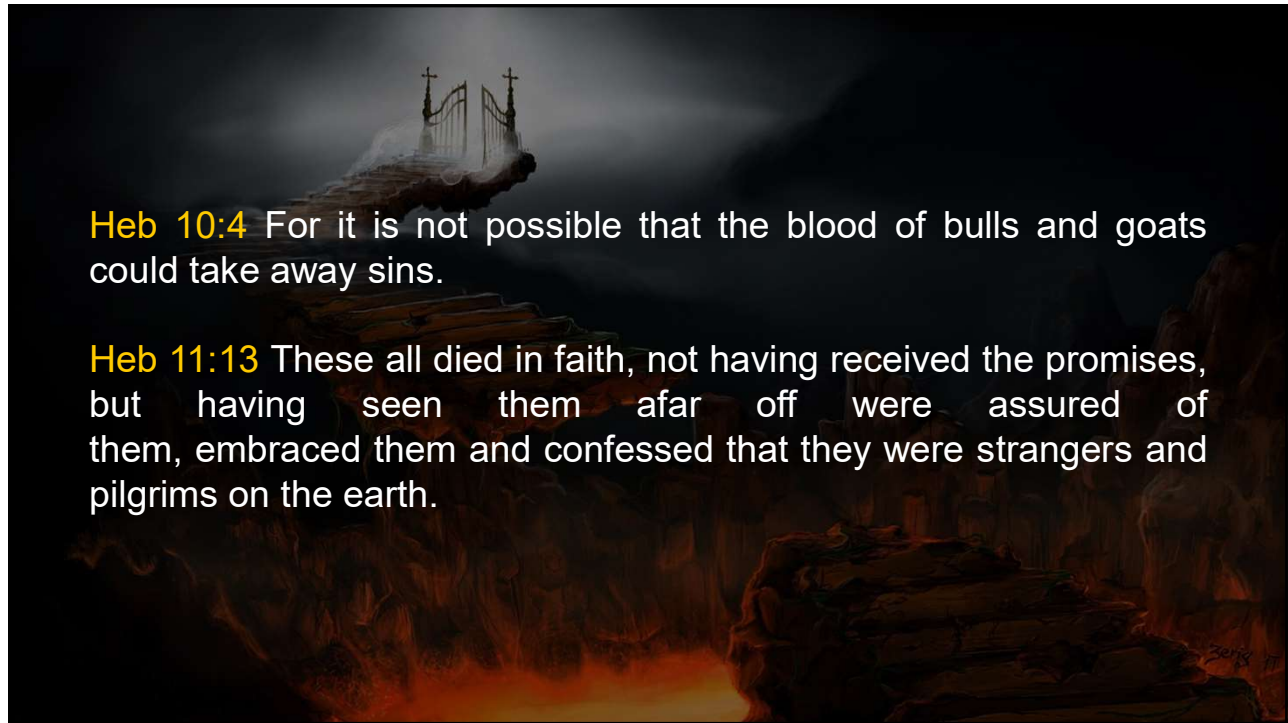
Salvation is only through the shed blood and resurrection of Christ

Jn 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

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O.T. believers were saved “on the credit”

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5 At least 3 hells?

- **Abussos (abyss)/Tartarus** = bottomless pit

2 Pet 2:4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

Rev 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

Rev 20:1-3 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished

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- **Sheol (O.T.)/ Hades (N.T.)** = grave & soul
- **Gehenna** = Lake of Fire, the final destination of the lost

Rev 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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6. Where is hades?

1 Sam 28:11-19 And the woman said to Saul, "I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth." ... Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"

Mt 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Acts 2:27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, ...

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7. Where did Jesus go when He died?

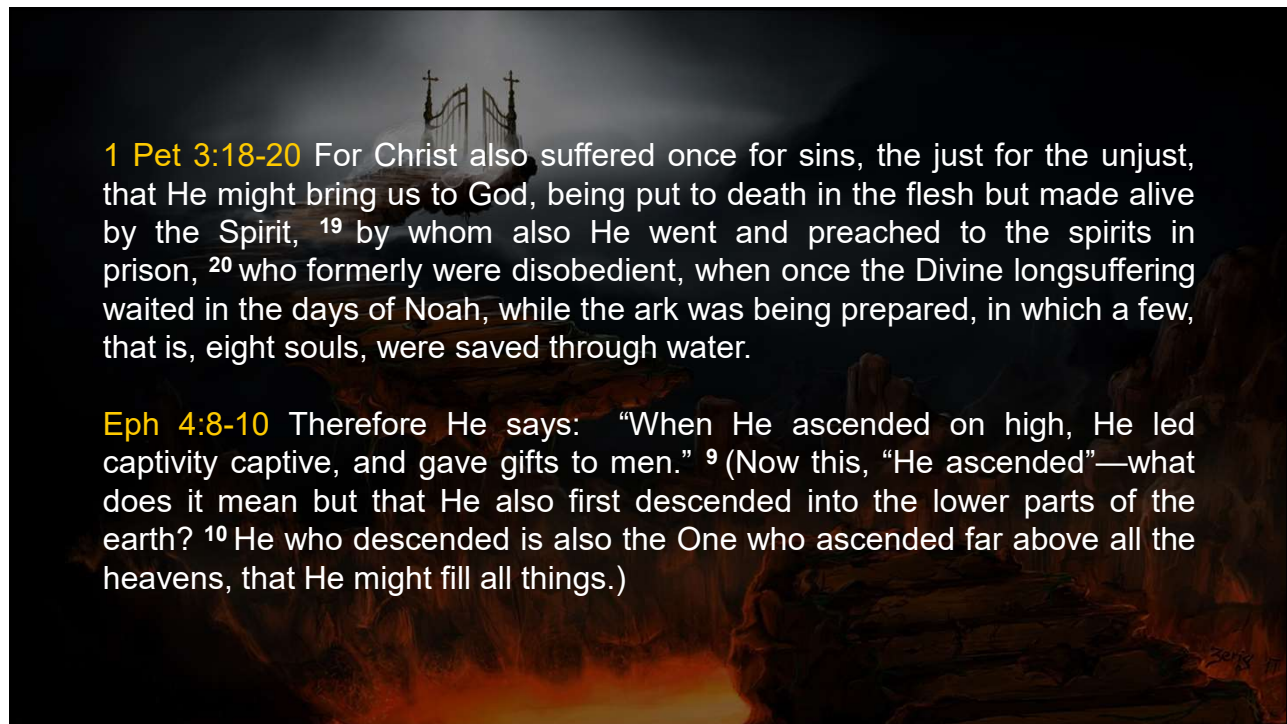
- **He had not ascended to heaven before the resurrection:**

Jn 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father;

- **He descended to paradise:**

Lk 23:42-43 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

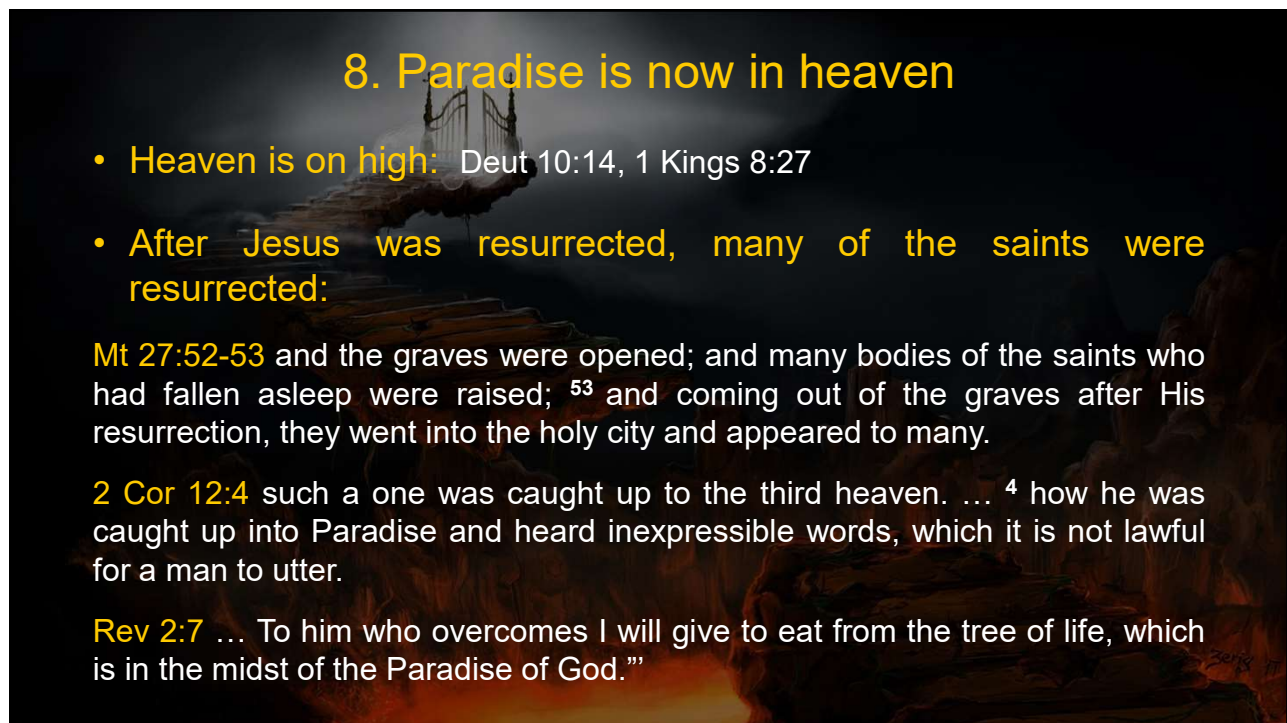
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1 Pet 3:18-20 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

Eph 4:8-10 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." ⁹ (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

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8. Paradise is now in heaven

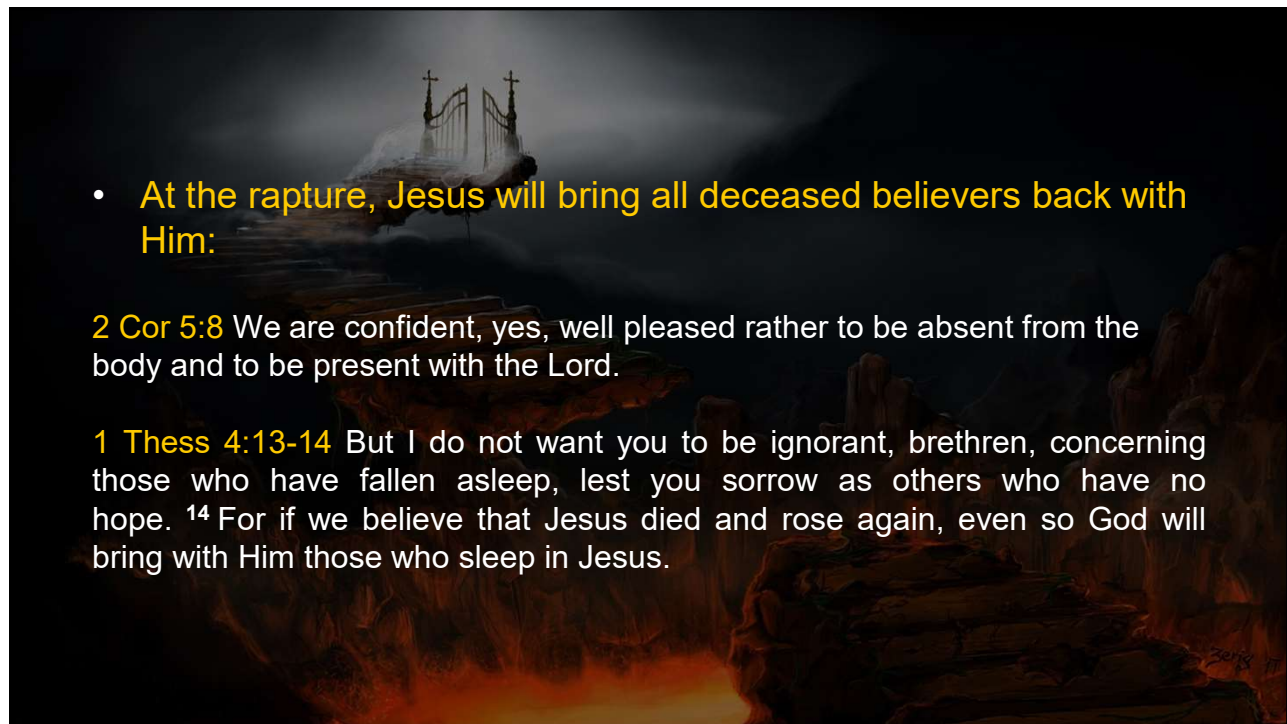
- **Heaven is on high:** Deut 10:14, 1 Kings 8:27
- **After Jesus was resurrected, many of the saints were resurrected:**

Mt 27:52-53 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

2 Cor 12:4 such a one was caught up to the third heaven. ... ⁴ how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Rev 2:7 ... To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

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