



“This world is only an anteroom of the next. This short life is incidental compared with eternity. This world is not home to the Christian. Here we are only sojourners, temporary dwellers in a foreign land. Our citizenship is in heaven. Our treasure should be in heaven. Our thoughts should dwell lovingly and longingly on that sweet home of the departed saints, of our Savior, and of our Heavenly Father.” John R. Rice, *Bible Facts About Heaven*

1. There's a _____ coming

Utopia:

2. When will this new earth come to be?

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3. Why a re-creation?

- It is a _____

- It denies _____

4. What will be some of the distinguishing characteristics of this new earth?

- No more _____
- No more _____
- All things will be _____

“Heaven is God’s home. Earth is our home. Jesus Christ, as the God-man, forever links God with mankind, and thereby forever links heaven and earth. As Eph 1:10 demonstrates, this idea of earth and heaven becoming one is explicitly biblical. Christ will make earth into heaven and heaven into earth. Just as the wall that separates God and mankind is torn down in Jesus, so too the wall that separated heaven and earth will be forever demolished. There will be one universe, with all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, Jesus Christ. God’s plan is that there will be no more gulf between the spiritual and physical worlds. There will be no divided loyalties or divided realms. There will be one cosmos, one universe united under one Lord – forever. This is the unstoppable plan of God. This is where history is headed.” Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*