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Pastor Tim Wood – Heaven Series

Our brochure for Heaven: Revelation 21-22

“I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know – God knows. And I know that this man – whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows – was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.” 2 Corinthians 12: 2-4

Three insights from this passage:

1. The Apostle Paul went beyond _____.
2. He doesn't know _____.
3. He's not permitted to _____.

This experience changed the Apostle Paul

1. 2 Corinthians 5:8 – We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
2. Philippians 1: 21-23 – For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far...
3. How can I have the same attitude?
4. Paul the Apostle of _____; John the Apostle of _____.

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Memory Verse: Revelation 21:1

“Then I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth, for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.”

Weekly Reading:

- Day 1 John 17:1-5
- Day 2 Revelation 21:1-4
- Day 3 Revelation 21:5-8
- Day 4 Philippians 1:21-26
- Day 5 Colossians 3:1-2

Study Questions:

1. Why do you think people avoid thinking about Heaven more often?
2. Do you think Heaven will be an actual place?
3. What lesson can be learned from Paul's experience in 2 Corinthians 12:1-5 and how it affected the way he longed to be with God? (See Philippians 1:23 and 2 Corinthians 5:8)
4. What do you believe Heaven will be like?
5. Randy Alcorn says in his book *Heaven*, “what God made us to desire is a resurrected life in a resurrected body with a resurrected Jesus on a resurrected earth.”
 - How does this concept of Heaven appeal to your soul?
 - How does it differ from the thoughts of your mind about Heaven?