



# *Simple Directions to Heaven*

Part 3

Watch For The  
Landmarks



# Lesson 1 & 2



▶ Two Roads, God's Road & Satan's Road

▶ Matthew 7:13-14, Narrow (few), Wide (many)

▶ Heaven easy to find, God provides a **GPS**

▶ Gospel Plan of Salvation-16 words



Jesus

Death

Learn

Trust

Burial

Believe



Obey

Resurrection

Turn

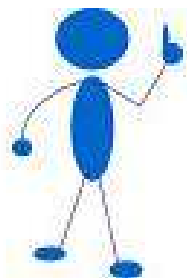


God's Grace

Confess

Man's Faith

Baptism



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# Watch for the Landmarks



## ▶ Keep Your Eyes on the “CROSS”

- Turns, exits, & detours easy to get lost
- Eyes on the “Cross”, get back on track

## ▶ Eyes on the “Cross”, headed right direction

- **1 Corinthians 1:18**, *“the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”*
- **Galatians 6:14**, *“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”*



# Eyes on the “Cross”

## ▶ Song: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

- *“At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, And the burdens of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I’m happy all the day.”*



## ▶ Illustration: A Flower for Mud

- Man rebelled against God, God gave His son to die on a cross to forgive man’s sins
- **Galatians 3:22–23**, *“all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.”*



# Eyes on the “Cross”

## ▶ Illustration: **The Big City**

- When **LOST**, look for the...
- When **TROUBLED**, look for the ...
- When in **DOUBT**, look for the ...
- When in **FEAR**, look for the ...
- When in **PAIN**, look for the ...
- When in **LONELY**, look for the ...



- ▶ **Psalms 121:1–3**, *“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.”*

# Did You Cross the River?

## ▶ Song: **Shall We Gather At The River?**

- *“Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod, With it’s crystal tide forever, Flowing by the throne of God, Yes we will gather at the river, The beautiful, beautiful river, Gather with the saints at the river, That flows by the throne of God.”*

## ▶ **We Can’t Gather at the River of Life, Until We Cross the River of Baptism!**

- 3000 at Pentecost– **Acts 2**
- 4000 days later– **Acts 4**
- Samaritans & the Eunuch– **Act 8**
- Cornelius’ household – **Acts 10**
- Lydia & Jailer’s households– **Acts 16**
- Crispus, Apollos, & others– **Acts 18**



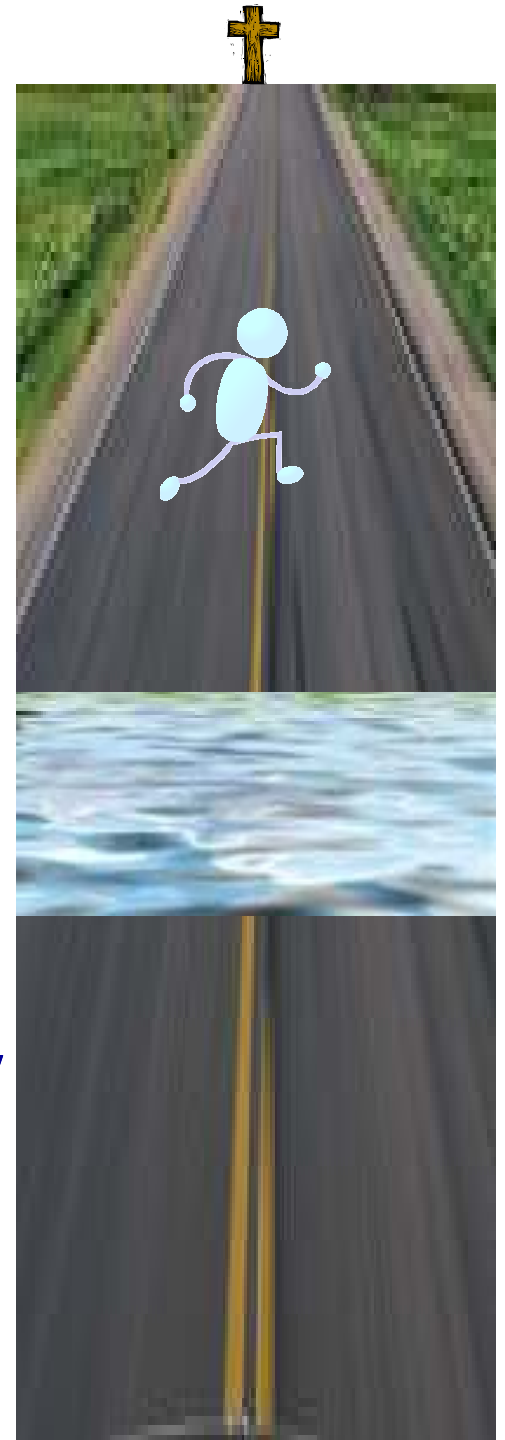
# Keep Going, the Pearly Gates Are Ahead!

- ▶ **Long way from earth to heaven**
  - **Revelation 2:10**, Jesus said, *be thou faithful unto death, and I will give the a crown of life.*
  - **Romans 2:7**, Paul said it is by *“patience continuance in well doing”* that we *“seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life”*
  - **Hebrews 3:6**, Paul exhorts us to, *“hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.”*



# Keep On Keepin' On, the Pearly Gates Are Ahead!

- ▶ **Long way from earth to heaven**
  - **2 Timothy 4:6-8**, *"I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*



# Yes, Keep Going, the Pearly Gates Are Ahead!

- ▶ **Long way from earth to heaven**
  - **Galatians 6:7-9**, *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”*



# Heaven, More Than Ever Expected

## ▶ Heaven is Real

- Prepared for you, **John 14:1-6**
- Not made with hands, **2 Corinthians 5:1**
- Not flesh and blood, **1 Corinthians 15:50**
- City of the living God, **Hebrews 12:22**

## ▶ Heaven is a Place of Glory

- No more tears, **Revelation 21:1-4**
- Crown of righteousness, **2 Timothy 4:7-8**
- Rest for the weary, **Hebrews 4:9-11**
- No evil can enter, **Revelation 21:26-27**



# Heaven, More Than Ever Expected

## ▶ **Heaven Filled With Godly Inhabitants**

- God with His people, **Revelation 21:3**
- Those who love God and are where obedient to His laws, **Revelation 22:14**
- Innumerable angels, **Hebrews 12:22-23**
- Home of the victorious, **Revelation 15:2-3**

## ▶ **Heaven is forever**

- Righteous into life eternal, **Matthew 25:46**
- Ever with the Lord, **1 Thessalonians 4:17**
- Gift of God is eternal life, **Romans 6:23**



# Simple Directions to Heaven Follow God's

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GOSPEL  
PLAN of  
Salvation

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