

# Topics for Heaven and Hell Series

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### Part 1 (January-February 2025): Introduction and the Doctrine of Heaven

#	Date	Title	Topics
1	1.19.25	The afterlife: Why does it matter?	Introduce class. Why is what we think about heaven and hell important?
2	1.26.25	What is "heaven"?	Exploring the biblical language of heaven. And just who is up there, anyway?
3	2.2.25	The afterlife from A to Z: from death to the final judgment and beyond	Sketching out an overview of the fate of both the righteous and the wicked, in eternity and in the period leading up to it.
4	2.9.25	"I believe in the resurrection of the flesh": the Christian's blessed hope	Why the bodily resurrection – both Christ's and ours – is so foundational to the faith. What is the resurrection body like? Will God raise the same body that dies or will he create a new one for us from scratch? Will we recognize one another when we get our new bodies?
5	2.16.25	The new heavens and the new earth: Why "heaven is <i>not</i> your eternal home, way beyond the blue."	What are the new heavens and the new earth? What is the new Jerusalem? And what will we do there?
6	2.23.26	Your pick: The class gets to vote on a topic from a selected list of possibilities.	See ballot handed out separately.

### Part 2 (2026): The Doctrine of Hell

Topics to be arranged.