

OUR DESTINY: STUDENT PACKET

ORIGINAL NAKEDNESS (PART 3)

Jesus came to reveal the love of the Father to us. Jesus will come again at the end of time to resurrect the dead and all people will see the glory of God together.

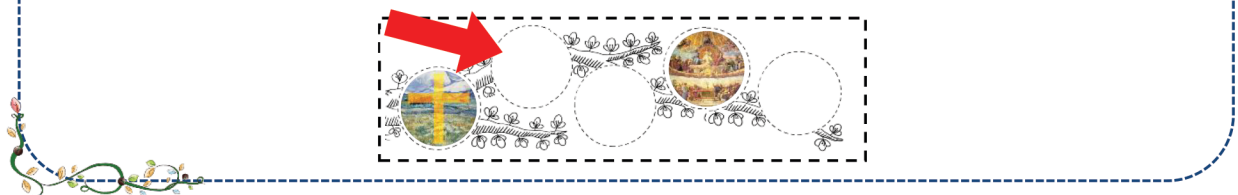
In heaven, God's revelation to us will be complete because we will see him in all of his goodness forever.

2) Read 1 John 3:2 and fill in the blanks.

“Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been _____ . We do know that when it is _____ , we shall be like _____ , for we shall see _____ as he is.”

We will see God face-to-face in heaven. This means that God will fully reveal himself to us. Oh what joy we will experience when we meet God in heaven!

Draw a human face that is delighted to see God face-to-face in the first circle of your timeline.



3) Read Philippians 3:20-21. How will the glorified bodies of those in heaven relate to the glorified body of Jesus Christ?

At the second coming of Christ to Earth, our bodies and souls will be completely reunited. Our bodies will then be transformed, or glorified. We can learn about our future glorified bodies by looking to the example of Jesus' glorified body.



4) Read John 20:24-27 about one of the times Jesus revealed his glorified body in Scripture after his Resurrection from the dead. Then answer the following questions.

After rising from the dead, did Jesus' glorified body still have the wounds from his crucifixion? _____

Did Jesus experience any pain from the wounds on his body after he rose from death? _____

After rising from the dead, what unique way was Jesus able to enter a room with his glorified body? _____

5) We can learn more about the glorified body by considering some promises made in the New Testament. Read these New Testament passages and then draw lines from the matching passage to the words.

Those in heaven will have incorruptible bodies, meaning they cannot decay, wear out, or suffer.

Matthew 13:36-43

The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

1 Cor 15:51-55

Those in heaven will never be sad because "every tear will be wiped away".

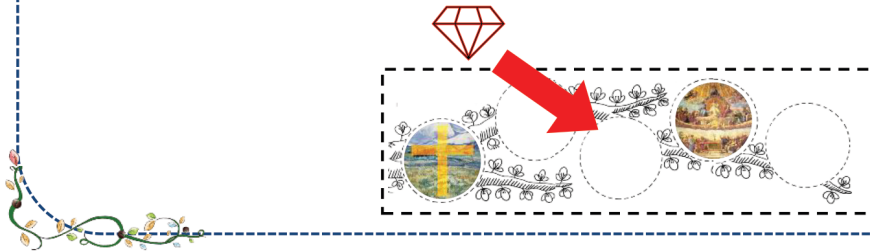
Rev 21:1-4

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At the end of time, we (both body and soul) will be united with God. The happiness of a close union with God will flow through a person's glorified body. These incorruptible bodies remain male or female, and will shine like the sun revealing God's love for us.

Draw a sparkling diamond in the second circle of your timeline. Let this be a symbol of how the beauty of the glorified body will reveal God's love for us!



6) Take a minute to remember a very happy moment you have experienced.

Now try to imagine how that happy moment could have been even better. What if it had lasted longer, or if something else was better about it? Write 1-3 sentences explaining how that moment could have been improved, although it was already very happy.

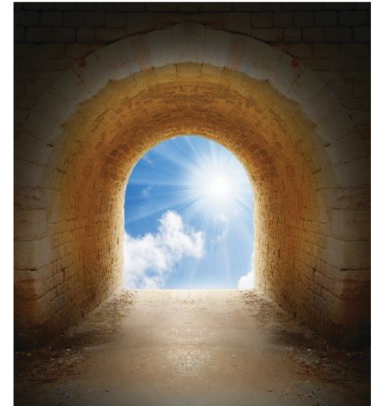
In this life, we can always imagine things turning out better than they are. That is why we can sometimes be disappointed when birthdays and holidays are over.

Heaven is the only reality that will be better than we could ever imagine. Birds build nests for their homes. Foxes and bears have dens for their homes. However, the human person's true home is heaven and God has prepared a place for us there.



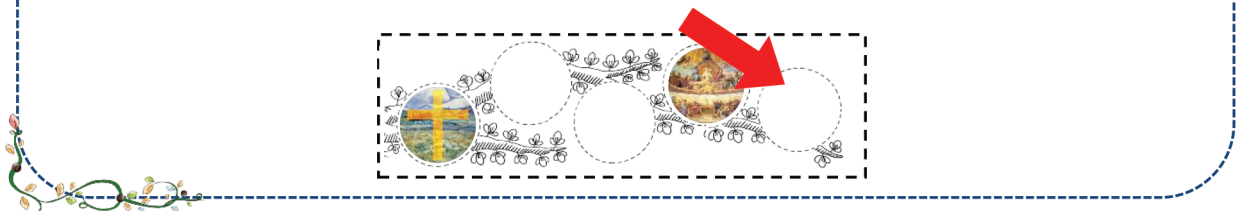


7) Write a prayer to God the Father, in which you thank him for giving us his only Son to save us. In your prayer, ask him to bring you and the ones you love safely home to heaven one day.



God desires to bring each of us to heaven. Leave the last circle in the timeline empty as a symbol of the spot in heaven that is waiting for you to someday fill. The empty circle in the final section represents that we are created for eternal union with God. That is where we are meant to be.

Your happiness in this life and the next will be assured if you stay focused on this glorious promise of Christ.



Matthew 7:1-8

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid. And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Phil. 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

John 20:24-27

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands,





and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”

Matthew 13:36-43

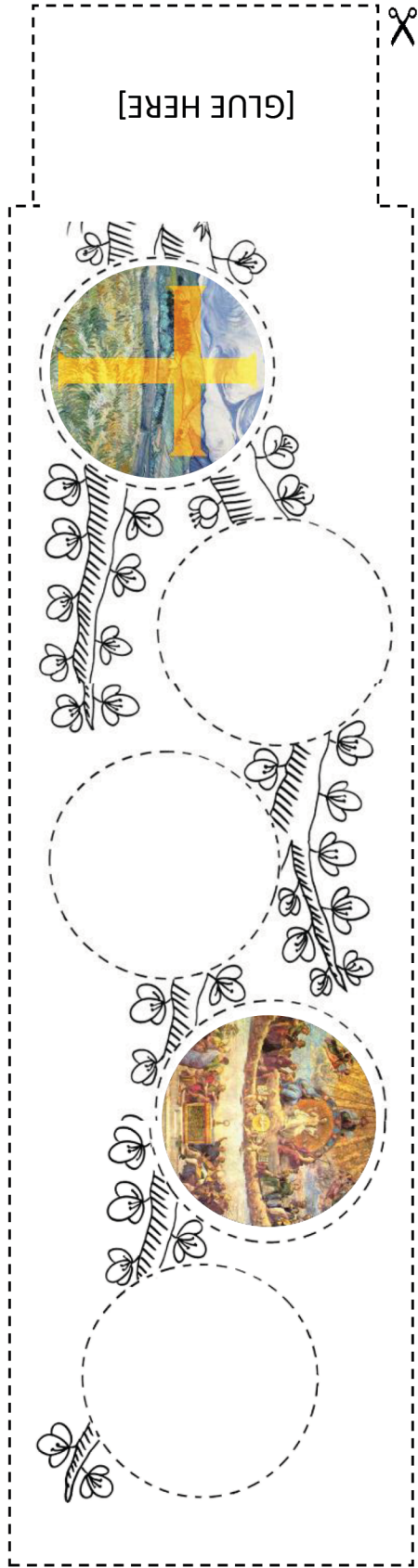
His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned (up) with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

1 Cor 15: 51-55

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: “Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, (for) the old order has passed away.”



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OUR DESTINY

We Look Forward To Seeing As God Sees

At the end of time, Jesus will come again. All people will see the glory of God together and we will see as God sees.

Having hope in what awaits us, we look forward to the Resurrection of the Body and life everlasting. Amen!