

Heaven is real

- ⇒ **Heaven is where God is**, and we will one day physically be there with God face to face with a “good, restored body” if we believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins and we want to be part of God’s family.
- ⇒ **We don’t know** where Heaven’s exact physical location is. In the Bible it talks about an existing heaven which God made (Gen14: 19) . It also says God will make a new heaven and a new earth (Rev 21:2).
- ⇒ **When we worship God** as a group of people it is sometimes said to be like experiencing being at a small window that looks into heaven.
- ⇒ **We are not capable of humanly knowing the full extent of such goodness**, but if we take all the good things in the world and multiply them all together, it will be better than that.
- ⇒ **We will meet fellow Christians** from all ages in heaven and we will recognize them!
- ⇒ **There is a lot we don’t know** about heaven. We are free to imagine what it might be like, but need to be honest that we don’t know a lot of the exact minute details.



Hell is real

- ⇒ **Hell is where God is not**, and where Satan and all who reject God will go after this life on earth.
- ⇒ **The general indication of its nature** is that it will be a place of great regret and anguish, with no end to that state of being.
- ⇒ **As with heaven, we don’t know Hell’s exact physical location**, and there is no indication that there will be any “comforts or necessities of life” there.
- ⇒ **Once in hell** in the life hereafter there is no escaping it forever.
- ⇒ **Those who do finish up in hell**, many may not have deliberately chosen it as their destination. But since they reject God or deny his existence, that will be their lot since there is only heaven or hell after this life.
- ⇒ **Ultimately we don’t decide** who goes to heaven or hell, but **God will judge** by what is in people’s hearts and lives.



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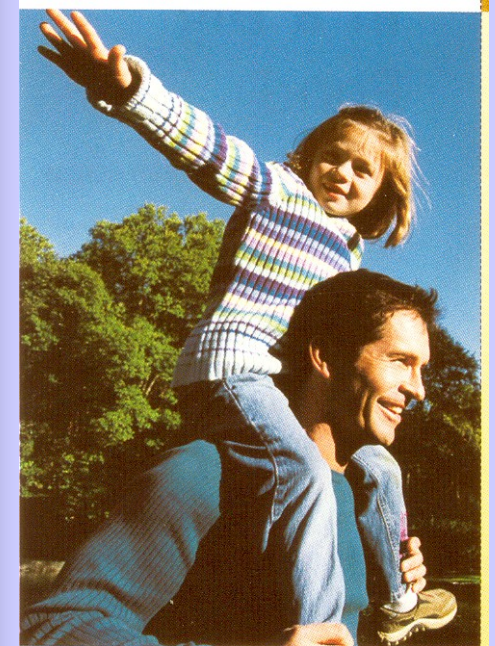
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**St James, Whyalla,
a Christian Community.**



**We are normal fun
loving people.**

What we believe:

God , Satan, Heaven, Hell ,
God accepts us.





We believe... God exists.

- ⇒ **Our God is that god** who is mentioned in the Bible. The Bible describes the one God as Father, Son & Holy Spirit.
- ⇒ **God the Father** is the creator and provider of all good things, and all things have a good reason for existing from when God created it. 
- ⇒ **The Son is Jesus Christ**, the Jesus who is spoken about in the Bible. His primary role is to save us from the consequence of our sinful nature.
- ⇒ **The Holy Spirit is God** who comforts and encourages us, and leads us to believe in God and in Jesus Christ. 
- ⇒ **When the universe was created** God made things to function in harmony in all dimensions. Death was not part of God's original plan.
- ⇒ **God created humans** with the ability and liberty to choose, but we also have to live with the consequences of our choices.
- ⇒ **God is interested in helping** us throughout life as well as wanting us to be with him in heaven after we die.

Satan does exist and he loves to tempt


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people to do things that will not please God and will often hurt us eventually.

- ⇒ **Some time after God created everything**, Satan (an angel, who rebelled against God) tempted Eve & Adam to choose to disobey what God had told them. 
- ⇒ **Satan (disguised as a serpent)** tempted Eve with attaining greater knowledge and status. Eve did as Satan suggested and Adam followed. The result: They **gained** knowledge of evil and they **lost** a clear knowledge and ability to live in harmony with their fellow creation and with God himself. Gen: 2 & 3
- ⇒ **When Adam & Eve had children** (after listening to Satan) the children were born with their parent's capacity to do evil, not their parents original capacities to always please God. Hence, all people since have lacked the capacity to be perfect- we can call it a "fallen state".
- ⇒ **God, in his grace and mercy**, created a plan to save his people and his creation from the fallen state. God's son Jesus Christ is the key to that plan. 
- ⇒ **All who admit that they have sinned** and that Jesus Christ by his birth, perfect life, his death and resurrection has restored them

completely into God's good favour will be taken to Heaven after they die.

God accepts us & invites us to his heavenly meal.

- ⇒ **At baptism you graciously receive the forgiveness of sin**, the status of being a child of God, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life, plus the assurance of eternal life after death.
- ⇒ **If we sin after we are baptized**, God still graciously forgives us. This is an ongoing privilege connected to being a child of God.
- ⇒ **God also encourages us not to sin.** So we live in the tension between wanting to do the right things but finding from time to time that we fail. Thank goodness we have a forgiving God! 
- ⇒ **When we attend the Lord's Supper**, we accept that somehow in Holy Communion we receive Jesus and his forgiveness for our sins, and thereby, the assurance of eternal life. He said in its preparation, "Take and eat, this (bread) is my body which is given for you. Take and drink (wine), this is my blood (life) of the new covenant (agreement) which was given for you, for the forgiveness of your sins."
- ⇒ **Christians have a great deal of choice** in everyday life, and Christians can have