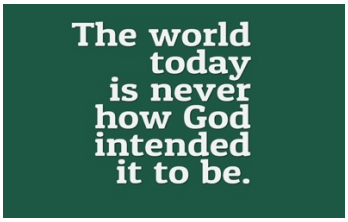
Revelation Lesson 27 Handout

Genesis 1:27–31
27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.
30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.
31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 3:7–24
7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.
8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"
12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."
16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.
18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.
19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."
24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.



Revelation 21
1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.
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2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

It was 2 a.m. and Ken, my husband was snoring softly beside me, not aware that I was biting my lip to keep from waking him up. The combination of my paralysis with middle-of-the-night insomnia

always makes me feel claustrophobic. But this was different. The pain in my neck and shoulders was searing. I tried to move my head on the pillow, but was stopped short by a razor –sharp stab in the back of my neck.

"O God," I whispered, "I need to reposition, but I haven't the heart to wake up Ken. He only has a few hours before hi alarm goes off, yet…I cannot tolerate this pain. Please, I can't live like this….help me?"

I began to breathe deeply and recite a favorite hymn: "And I shall see Him face to face, and tell the story - Saved by Grace. And I shall see Him face to face, and tell the story - Saved by Grace."

The next thing I knew it was morning, Ken was off to work, and my girlfriend had arrived to get me up. When I told her about my rough night, she replied, "I bet you can't wait for heaven."

Romans 8:22–23
22 For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.
23 And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

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Brian La Croix

This passage from the Bible says that if a person "has" Jesus in his or her life, then they have "eternal life."

What's eternal life? The bottom line is that it means Heaven. Forever.

And how do we get that eternal life? By having Jesus in your life. This says that if we have Jesus, we have eternal life.

So what does it mean to "have Jesus?"

You have Jesus when you believe with your life and not just with your head.

What do I mean by that?

Let me start by stating that I am deathly afraid of heights. Just hang on, and you'll get why I'm saying that, okay?

Have any of you been to the Royal Gorge in Colorado?

It's the home of the world's highest suspension bridge - 1053 ft. above the Arkansas River.

My wife and I went there about 20 years ago with some friends when we were working in Colorado.

The bridge itself only a quarter of a mile long, but because it's a suspension bridge, there's a lot of movement due to the winds.

One of the attractions there is their Arial Tram, which is a cable car that goes across the canyon. The Arial Tram is another 125 feet above the canyon floor.

My wife, bless her heart, decides she wants to go across on the Tram.

Have I mentioned that I'm afraid of heights?

But, being the manly guy that I am, I said, "Sure, honey!"

Anyway, we get on the tram, and it starts off fine, then it dips down as it leaves the building. I'm ready to throw up, and we're just getting started.

Then, my lovely bride, bless her heart, decides to take some pictures. Of the canyon floor.

This means that she is leaning out of the tram window, causing the tram to sway even more than it already was.

I've said that I'm scared of heights, right?

Needless to say, we made it across safely. I decided that I would walk across the bridge instead of going on the tram. But even that was treacherous for me, because people were driving across it.

Now, what's this got to do with having Jesus in your life? Let me explain:

I could have talked to the tram-driver guy and believed it would make it safely across.

I could have read all the technical info and believed the tram would make it safely across.

But it wasn't until I actually put my life on the line and got on the tram that my belief was shown to be real.

I had to believe with my life and not just my head if I wanted to make it across on the tram.

It's the same thing with Jesus and getting to heaven.

I could believe Jesus with my head, like I did growing up.

I could talk to the pastor and believe that Jesus would get me to heaven.

I could read my Bible and believe that Jesus would get me to heaven.

But it's not until I believe with my life - putting all of my hope and faith into Jesus and what He did for me on the cross that I will really have heaven.

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7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.
8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."
10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.
12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.
14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.
16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.
17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

A scientist by the name of Henry Morris. He guessed that 20 billion people could inhabit this, assuming that only 25% of new Jerusalem was given over to dwelling places, and 75% was used for whatever else-- streets, parks, public spaces, public buildings. And he calculates that every person who lives there, at only 25% occupancy, that each person would have a cubicle block of 75 acres on each face to call their own.

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18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,
20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.
21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

CS Lewis said, "our ability to imagine what eternity will be like is like two infants in a womb talking about what they will be doing once they're born and are 25 years old."

Skip Heitzig: You know what heaven's going to be? s It's going to be God continually blowing your mind with His power, His majesty, His glory, and His love.

How do I know that? Because Paul said in Ephesians 2 "that in the ages to come." What is that? That's eternity. "That in the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His grace and His kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus."

In other words, it's going to take God all of eternity to show you the fullness of who He is and how much He loves you.

That's what heaven's going to be like.

24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.
25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).
26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Billy Graham: The Bible doesn't answer all our questions about heaven—but it does tell us that heaven will be a place of supreme happiness and joy. You can be sure that God will supply us with everything we'll ever need to make us happy there.

Don't forget, however, that one of the most important things the Bible tells us about heaven is that it is far greater and more wonderful than anything we can possibly imagine. It's natural for us to think that our life in heaven will be like our life on this earth, only greater. But the Bible says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). In other words, the joy you get

out of sports or anything else is insignificant compared with the joy God has in store for you in heaven.

Don't make the mistake either of thinking heaven is boring. Nothing could be further from the truth! The Bible says God will have work for us to do—although we won't grow bored or weary like we do in this life. It tells us that we will be "before the throne of God and serve him day and night" (Revelation 7:15).

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4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.
5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.
7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.
9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."
10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

Rev. 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."
12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.
13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."
14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.
15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.
16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."
17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;
19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Mormon site: When Jesus carries out His final judgement, He'll do so according to your works (see Revelation 20:13). That judgement determines where you'll spend eternity. Thanks to revelation given to the prophet Joseph Smith, we know that resurrected beings will exist in one of three distinct places. These are commonly referred to among members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as the three degrees of glory (see D&C 76:50–113).

Each degree of glory has eternal blessings; even the lowest degree of glory offers peace and joy beyond our current comprehension. However, God dwells only in celestial glory. To live with Him again for all eternity, you must accept the gospel of Jesus Christ and live according to its laws. Following God's commandments and the instruction He gives through modern prophets makes it possible to live in celestial glory with God.

MORMON SITE:

We know that our marriage can last forever. Death can part us from one another only temporarily. Nothing can part us forever except our own disobedience. This knowledge helps us work harder to have a happy, successful marriage.

We know that our family relationships can continue throughout eternity. This knowledge helps us be careful in teaching and training our children. It also helps us show them greater patience and love. As a result, we should have a happier home.

Matthew 22:23–30
23 On that day some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and questioned Him,
24 asking, "Teacher, Moses said, 'IF A MAN DIES HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER AS NEXT OF KIN SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE, AND RAISE UP CHILDREN FOR HIS BROTHER.'
25 "Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother;
26 so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh.
27 "Last of all, the woman died.
28 "In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had married her." 29 But Jesus

answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.
30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!
21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.