



WHAT HAPPENS ON EARTH?

What is moving day?

Moving day is when someone believes in the Lord Jesus and is saved. They are “moved” in the spiritual realm from darkness to light.

- (Colossians 1:13 ESV) He [the Father] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.
- (1 Peter 2:9 ESV) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

How real is this move?

More real than we can comprehend. As real as eternity. More real than the world we see. This move is in the invisible realm, the unseen world, and changes our lives forever.

- (2 Corinthians 4:18 ESV) As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

But do not think for a moment that this is not “the real world.” In fact, lest you be so tempted, let’s

compare the data between the two worlds.

SEEN WORLD: We live in the seen world an average of seventy years, maybe eighty.

- (Psalm 90:10 ESV) The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- (Psalm 39:4 ESV) O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!
- (Psalm 78:39 ESV) He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and comes not again.
- (Job 7:7 NASB) Remember that my life is but breath; My eye will not again see good.

UNSEEN WORLD: But the eternal world? We live in the eternal world for ... well ... for eternity.

So what happens in this unseen realm when someone believes in the Lord Jesus and is saved?

First, we must understand that God wants us to know what happens. He, in fact, wants us to be filled with the knowledge what happens—his will concerning our salvation.

- (Colossians 1:9 ESV) And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for

you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

We see his will revealed in our Colossians text.

- (Colossians 1:12–14 ESV) Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Father qualifies us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. In our Colossians study, we will learn the powerful teaching of the complete sufficiency in Jesus Christ for our salvation. *Grace alone ... faith alone ... Christ alone ...*

REDEMPTION ...

In Christ we have forgiveness of sins.

- (Colossians 1:14 ESV) In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

JUSTIFICATION ...

Through Christ we are declared righteous and have peace with God.

- (Romans 5:1 ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PROPITIATION ...

He sent Christ to be our wrath taker.

- (1 John 4:10 ESV) In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

RECONCILIATION ...

We are no longer God’s enemies.

- (Colossians 1:21–22 ESV) And you, who once

were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

- (Romans 5:10–11 ESV) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

And so much more ... to be continued ...

Since the Father has now “qualified” us, he is now fully justified as a holy, righteous God in transferring us—moving us—from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN?

And since the Father has now “qualified” us for deliverance, he is now fully justified as a holy, righteous God to freely express his great joy with the angels and all the host of heaven and to communicate his passion and joy to us.

GOD WANTS US TO KNOW.

He wants us to know these things ... he wants us to know his great joy when even one sinner repents ...

(See study sheets 3-4.)

