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For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

7-13-2015 - Heaven and Back

From time to time, someone claims to have died, gone to Heaven, and returned to tell about it. According to Jesus Christ, only one has been in Heaven and come to earth to tell about it:

“If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven” (**John 3:12-13**).

Since “God is in Heaven” (**Psalms 115:3**), and “No one has seen God at any time” (**John 1:18**), then those who think they have must be mistaken. God’s Word on the subject is the last word. At the “last trumpet” the dead are resurrected and changed (**1 Corinthians 15:52**), not before!

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### **7-14-2015 - Near Death is NO Death**

The Bible description of death is:

The body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also (**James 2:26**).

Our physical body may be so close to dying, that it doesn’t register on our medical charts, but if it is revived, then the spirit did not leave it! When death does occur, it cannot be reversed until the Judgment Day, for:

The dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it (**Ecclesiastes 12:7**).

Paul had "hope in God" that "there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust" (**Acts 24:15**). God has promised that, "it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (**Hebrews 9:27**). Near death is NO death!

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### **7-15-2015 - Hades Or Heaven?**

Jesus said the rich man "died and was buried,"

And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom (**Luke 16:23**).

Though dead, his soul was in "Hades," not Heaven, and stayed there. "Hades" means "unseen," and holds departed souls until the Day of Judgment. Jesus taught that Lazarus was in Abraham's bosom (**Luke 16:23**). "Hades," then has a place where the good "are comforted" and the bad are "tormented" (**Luke 16:25**) separated by "a great gulf fixed" (**Luke 16:26**). When Jesus died, Peter preached that God did not leave His "soul in Hades" (**Acts 2:27**), but "raised Him from the dead" (**Acts 13:30**). After death, we will await the Day of Judgment in "Hades." All souls do not go to Heaven.

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## 7-16-2015 - Pluto Points to God

Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out the heavens (**Isaiah 48:13**).

This is impossible without God. The heavens are so stretched out, that the American spacecraft, New Horizons, the size of a baby grand piano, traveled 9 1/2 years, at 31,000 mph, for over 3 Billion miles to come within 7,700 miles of Pluto, the planet furthest from the Sun in our Solar System. No "god" but God could have made Outer Space. God, not Evolution, made planets' orbits so precise, the fly-by was possible. The "foundation of the earth" was revealed through Job:

He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing (**Job 26:7**).

This, also, has been confirmed by astronauts and spacecraft in recent decades.

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7-17-2015 - A Hate Crime?

On July 16, 2015, a young man with a Muslim name sprayed bullets at two military facilities in Chattanooga, killing 4 marines. According to God's Word, there is no way this was not a "hate crime." Before Paul converted to Christ, he was "breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord" (**Acts 9:1**), which he later described as:

We ourselves were also once ... living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another (**Titus 3:3**).

Jesus taught that a person is defiled by what comes out of his heart, including:

... Evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit... All these evil things come from within and defile a man (**Mark 7:20-23**).

The Federal Government and the biased Media may not see it that way, but godly people can!

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