

Looking Forward to Heaven
Part #2 – **This World is Not Our Home ... OR is it?**
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“But in keeping with his promise, we are looking forward to a new **heaven** and a new **earth** ...”
(2 Peter 3:13)

“The old gospel song, 'This world is not my home, I'm just-a-passin' through,' is a half-truth. We may pass from the earth through death, but eventually we'll be back to live on the restored earth.”
(Dr. Randy Alcorn)

1.The God who Never Quits

Ephesians 1:7-10

RE – “A return to the **original** condition”

Redeem, Reconcile, Recover, Return, Renew,
Regenerate, Resurrect

God is on a **salvage** mission

“He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore **everything**, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.” (Acts 3:21)

“...for the first heaven and the first earth had **passed away** ...” (Revelation 21:1)

We pass away, but we don't cease to **exist**.

2.The God of NEW Creation

“Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth.”
(Isaiah 65:17)

Curse

“Kainos” [GK.] ***“new”***

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

B.Continuity

“When I came to Christ as a high-school student, I became a new person, yet I was still the same person I'd always been. My mother saw a lot of changes, but she still recognized me. She still said; 'Good morning, Randy,' not 'who are you?' My dog never once growled at me – he knew who I was. I was still Randy Alcorn, though a substantially transformed Randy Alcorn. This same Randy will undergo another change at death, and yet another change at the resurrection of the dead. But through all of these changes, I will still be who I was and who I am. There will be continuity from this life to the next.
(Randy Alcorn)

“Ge” [GK.] “Earth / Geology”

The 'first earth' will pass away (Revelation 21:1)

“First” is ***'Prote'*** in GK. where we get the word ***“prototype”***

“The first earth serves as the **prototype** or **pattern** for the new earth. There's continuity between old and new. We should expect new trees, new flowers, new rocks, new rivers, new mountains, and new animals ('new' not 'non') (Randy Alcorn)

“The Spirit and the bride say “Come!” And let him who hears say “Come!” (Revelation 22:17)