

WILL HEAVEN BE DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS?

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Have you ever wondered how heaven will be organized for all the different people groups on earth?

Will there be:

- an English section,
- an Amish section,
- a Mennonite section,
- a Hutterite section,
- or a Chinese section?

Will each group stay separated in heaven the same way many groups are separated on earth?

Or will all believers live together as one family in the presence of God?

The answer from Scripture is clear. All true believers in Jesus Christ will live together as one family, God's family.

There will be:

- no divisions,
- no pride,
- no jealousy,
- and no "I am better than you" attitudes in heaven.

So then the question becomes: Why are people so divided now?

Important Questions to Consider

- Can a person who was born Amish only serve God within the Amish group?
- Does the Amish church have biblical authority to excommunicate someone simply because they joined another Bible-believing church?
- Will God really condemn a person to hell because they left a people group, drove a car instead of a buggy, or wore store-bought clothing?

These are serious questions.

And the answer depends upon one very important issue:

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If a church group or religious culture saves people from hell, then perhaps a church would have the right to condemn someone for leaving.

But if salvation comes only through Jesus Christ, then no church group has the authority to claim ownership over a person's soul.

The Bible clearly teaches that:

- sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ,

- eternal life comes through Jesus Christ,
- and a person's name is written in the Book of Life only through Jesus Christ.

No church, tradition, or people group can save a soul. Only Jesus can.

Jesus Is the Only Way

Years ago, I heard someone explain salvation this way: *"People are climbing up the mountain on different sides, but when they get to the top, they all meet together."*

That may sound reasonable, but it is not what Jesus taught.

- **John 14:6:** "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Jesus did not say He was *one* way. He said He was *the* way. There is only one door into heaven.

One Door unto Salvation

Noah's Ark is a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ.

Do you know how many doors the ark had? Only one.

If someone wanted to be saved from the flood, they had to enter through that one door.

Jesus said:

- **John 10:9:** "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved..."

If the Baptist, Mennonite, Hutterite, or English person must enter through Jesus to be saved, then the Amish person must also enter through Jesus.

There is no separate door for different people groups. There is only one Savior.

God Makes No Difference Between People

Romans 10:12

"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."

- **Galatians 3:28:** "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

The ground is level at the foot of the cross.

God is not interested in:

- nationality,
- race,
- culture,
- or religious background.

He looks at the heart.

God Wants All People to Be Saved

1 Timothy 2:4: “Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

God desires salvation for all people:

- Amish,
- Mennonite,
- English,
- Jew,
- Gentile,
- Rich and Poor,
- Young and Old.

Jesus died for the whole world.

The Wall Has Been Torn Down

For many years, the Jews were separated from the Gentiles. But Jesus changed that through the cross.

- **Ephesians 2:14-16:** “For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us...”

Jesus removed the wall that separated people groups. Through Christ, believers become one family.

How Does a Person Receive Eternal Life?

- **John 5:24:** “He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life...”

Salvation comes through hearing and believing the gospel.

Not through:

- Culture and Traditions,
- Church membership or family background.

A person must personally trust Jesus Christ.

Heaven Will Be Filled with People from Every Nation

John saw a wonderful picture of heaven.

- **Revelation 5:9:** “Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.”

Heaven will include believers from:

- every language,
- every nation,
- every culture,
- and every background.

They will all worship together around the throne of God.

What Will Matter in Heaven?

When we stand before God, the question will not be:

- Were you Amish?
- Were you Mennonite?
- Were you Baptist?
- Did you wear plain clothes?
- Did you drive a buggy?

The question will be:

- Did you know Jesus Christ?
- Did you trust Him for salvation?
- Were you born again?

God Does Not Want Anyone to Perish

- **2 Peter 3:9:** “The Lord is... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

God lovingly calls all people to repentance and faith in Christ.

Scriptures to Think About

- **Galatians 3:13:** “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...”
- **Ephesians 1:7:** “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...”
- **Titus 2:14:** “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity...”
- **Romans 5:9:** “Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

Final Thoughts

Heaven will not be divided into cultural sections. All who are truly born again through faith in Jesus Christ will worship together forever as one family.

The blood of Jesus is greater than:

- traditions,
- divisions,
- cultures,
- and man-made barriers.

The question is not: “What group do you belong to?”

The question is: “Do you belong to Jesus Christ?”

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