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Title: Who or What is a Christian? Christians Have Within Them the Hope of Heaven

Text: 1 John 3:1-3

**1 John 3:1-3** - See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**John 14:2-3** - My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

### **Heaven Is a Place**

**John 14:2a** - My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you

### **Heaven Is the Final Destination of God's Children**

**John 14:2** - My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you

### **Heaven Produces Hope in God's Children**

**1 John 3:3** - All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

### **Heaven Is Filled with Those Who Are Like Jesus**

**1 John 3:2b** - But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Resurrected Jesus:

A perfect body

A body not limited

A body that does not decay, have diseases or dies.

### **Heaven's Citizens Live as Strangers in This World**

**1 John 3:1b** - The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.