"Faith gives a title to heaven; death gives the possession of heaven." - Thomas Watson

The Pilgrim’s Progress
Chapter 20 – “The Pilgrims Enter Celestial City”
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I. Did you come across any surprises in the last chapter of the story?
   a.i.A. The threatening river of death
   a.i.B. The description of Celestial City is so brief. (since it has been anticipated since the very beginning)
   a.i.C. The story ends with Ignorance being taken away from the gates of heaven rather than Christian entering heaven.

II. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

   The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, (Heb. 12:23) and do immediately pass into glory; (2 Cor. 5:1,6,8, Phil. 1:23, Luke 23:43) and their bodies, being still united to Christ, (1 Thess. 4:14) do rest in their graves, (Isa. 57:2) till the resurrection. (Job 19:26–27)

III. What do the wicked lose at death?
   a.i.A. They lose the WORLD
   a.i.B. They lose their SOULS
   a.i.C. They lose HEAVEN
   a.i.D. They lose all HOPE

IV. What did Bunyan omit from his description of Heaven? What did he include?

V. In what two ways does Bunyan tie the beginning of the story to the end? The completed circle
   a.i.A. The opening sentence and the last sentence - “dream”
   a.i.B. The first main event/last sentence - “City of destruction”

VI. Next class (12/3/2014): A Summary Lesson of “The Pilgrim’s Progress”