

The Pilgrim's Progress
Chapter 20 – “The Pilgrims Enter Celestial City”
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"Faith gives a title to heaven; death gives the possession of heaven." - Thomas Watson

- 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”