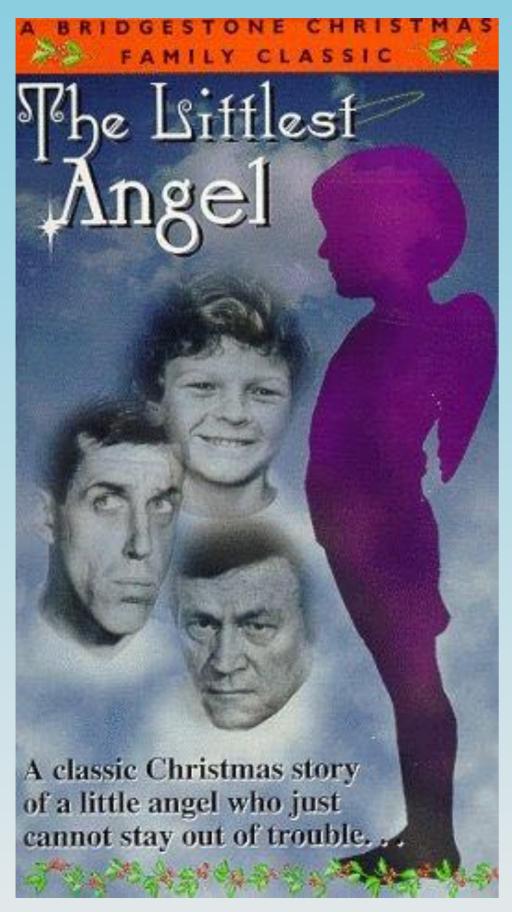
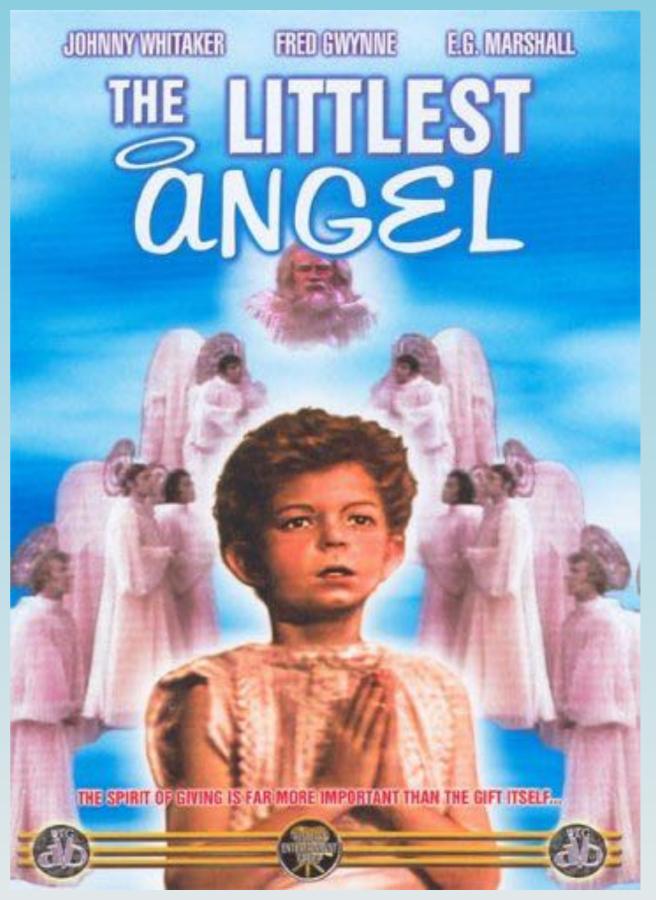
#### What We Believe: Heaven

Revelation 21:1-4







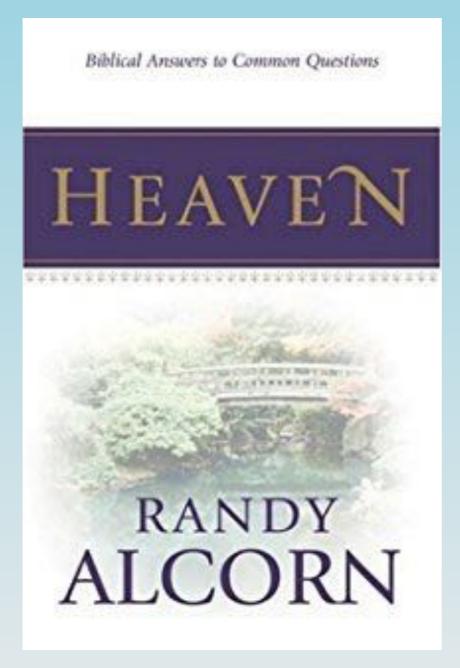
Pic via <u>IMDB.com</u> Pic via <u>amazon.com</u>



Pic via TV Guide

#### Articles of Faith: The Last Things

(15) We believe in the personal and undeniable return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the fulfillment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal punishment of the wicked, and the eternal peace and joy of the righteous.





Pic via Amazon

Pic via The Good Book Company

1. Removal

#### 1. Removal

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. [...] 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:1, 4

- 1. Removal
- 2. Renovation

- 1. Removal
- 2. Renovation

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. Romans 8:20-21





- 1. Removal
- 2. Renovation

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Philippians 3:20-21

- 1. Removal
- 2. Renovation
- 3. Return

#### 3. Return

The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the <u>tree of life</u> and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <u>A river watering the garden flowed from Eden</u>; **Genesis 2:9-10a** 

#### 3. Return

Then the angel showed me the <u>river of the water of life</u>, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the <u>tree of life</u>, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse.

Revelation 22:1-3a



I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. Revelation 21:2-3

The inner sanctuary was <u>twenty cubits long</u>, <u>twenty</u> <u>wide</u> and <u>twenty high</u>. He overlaid the inside with <u>pure</u> <u>gold</u>, and he also overlaid the altar of cedar.

1 Kings 6:20

The inner sanctuary was <u>twenty cubits long</u>, <u>twenty</u> <u>wide</u> and <u>twenty high</u>. He overlaid the inside with <u>pure</u> <u>gold</u>, and he also overlaid the altar of cedar.

#### 1 Kings 6:20

The city was laid out <u>like a square</u>, <u>as long as it was</u> wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and <u>as wide and high as it is long</u> ... The wall was made of jasper, and the <u>city of pure gold</u>, as pure as glass. **Revelation 21:16, 18** 

# You'll share eternity with your whole church family.

# You'll share eternity with your whole church family.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. **Revelation 7:9a** 

# You'll share eternity with your whole church family.

From there we will work outward, developing new friendships without ever losing the old ones. Heaven is where our ultimate family and best friends will be — including many we don't know yet. ... In fact, you may not yet have met the best friend you'll ever have!

- Heaven: Biblical Answers to Common Questions by Randy Alcorn

#### Come share eternity with God and with your whole church family.