

# Imagine Heaven Summary

The book, *Imagine Heaven*, written by Rev. John Burke, was published in 2015 by Baker Books. The topic is unusual – *as it deals with near-death experiences*; however, it does have many Bible connections. These are some of my thoughts about the book:

- ✚ I don't need the book to know that everything in the Bible is true, I already knew that, but the book has helped me to better understand the Bible:
  - When we die in Christ we will be gathered together with our family members and friends who died in Christ before us.
  - Heaven is beautiful now!
  - Jesus is awesome now!
  - Hell is a real and terrible place.
  - Judgment – *which is called the white throne judgment*, is when Jesus will make a public declaration about each person regarding heaven or hell.
  - Rewards – *which is called the bema seat judgment*, is when Jesus will reward the believers who lived for Him.
- ✚ The book has changed the focus of my life in some ways:
  - I have a greater awareness of what God knows about me.
  - I have a greater awareness of how much God loves me.
  - I am living less for myself and more for others.
  - I am living less for this life and more for the life to come.
- ✚ I wrote these six sermons, which are especially based on the Bible, but also have some connections to the book (you can access the audio and written sermons at [www.BLC7500.com/Sermons](http://www.BLC7500.com/Sermons)):
  - Evidence of the Afterlife
  - Relationships in Heaven
  - Beauty in Heaven
  - The Highlight of Heaven
  - What about Hell?
  - Judgments and Rewards
- ✚ Along with the book, I watched these interesting movies related to near-death experiences:
  - Heaven Is For Real (however, I didn't need this movie to know that)
  - 90 Minutes In Heaven (the story of Rev. Don Piper)
  - Miracles From Heaven
- ✚ If you want access to more on the *Imagine Heaven Series* – *including interviews with some people who are referenced in the book*, go here: [www.glichurchplanting.com/ihs/](http://www.glichurchplanting.com/ihs/)

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