

# 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) – then type “Imagine Heaven” in the search block):

- 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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