## **Imagine Heaven Series Summary**

**Introduction:** 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:

## Some things taught in the book that harmonize with the Bible:

- When we die in Christ, we will be gathered 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.
- o Rewards which is called the bema seat judgment, is when Jesus will reward the believers who lived for Him.

## Some positive outcomes from reading the book:

- o I have a greater awareness of what God knows about me.
- o 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.
- **Go here to access my six sermons on the book and the Bible** (you have the option to listen to or read each sermon):

0	Part 1 – Evidence of the Afterlife	https://blc7500.com/Sermons/49474/Details
0	Part 2 – Relationships in Heaven	https://blc7500.com/Sermons/49476/Details
0	Part 3 – Beauty in Heaven	https://blc7500.com/Sermons/49478/Details
0	Part 4 – The Highlight of Heaven	https://blc7500.com/Sermons/49479/Details
0	Part 5 – What about Hell?	https://blc7500.com/Sermons/49480/Details
0	Part 6 – Judgments and Rewards	https://blc7500.com/Sermons/49480/Details

- **These are some interesting movies related to near-death experiences:** 
  - Heaven Is For Real
  - o 90 Minutes In Heaven
  - Miracles From Heaven
- Watch interviews with some people referenced in the book: www.glichurchplanting.com/ihsk/

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