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11:1-3

When facing difficulties, a Christian should look to past successes and forward to the sure promise of God to find the strength to persevere in the present.

Hebrews 11:13-16

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Where we are going should radically shape our
lives in the present.

Romans 8:18-25

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For the Christian, whatever suffering comes in this life, it is incomparable to what lies ahead. Don't focus on the pain so much that you forget Whose you are and where He is taking you.

Do people have faith that they will go to heaven,
yet end up in hell?

*Yes. True faith is not in a place but the Person who
can get you to the place.*

What's the most common reason people think that they are on there way to heaven these days?

True assurance and confidence of one's entrance into heaven is a byproduct of true faith in Christ.

Ephesians 1:13-14

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It is belief/faith in Christ that produces the guaranteed inheritance.

This life is not all that there is, the best is yet to come.

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Why is this helpful information to a persecuted people?

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Job 38:1-5

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Remembering who God is can be difficult when we are in pain, yet it is remembering who He is that brings the greatest comfort.

If there was ever a time when there was truly nothing,
then there would still be nothing now.

Romans 1:18-20

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If God did not create the universe, then there is no meaning to life, there is no value of life, there are no rules, and there is no justice.

Genesis 1:1,3,9,11,14-15,24

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Many professing Christians, have an atheistic belief of the creation, yet try to hold to a theistic belief of the end. This is absurd.

Misplaced faith with ultimate origins, will lead to
misplaced hope in ultimate endings.

Hebrews 1:1-4

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The Creator is also the Judge and the One who has paid
for our sins.

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Series: Hebrews

Sermon: Hebrews 11:1-3

1. How would you respond to a person who professed to be a Christian on his or her way to heaven, who also confessed that he or she did not believe that God created the universe?

2. Naturalism is the belief that the universe came into existence naturally. Many of its adherents claim that they believe this because it is scientific fact. But is this view truly based on science?

_____ Christian opponents of naturalism often point out that naturalism is not based on facts but on faith, and that it has become more of a religion because of the faith that is involved to believe it.

3. There are major ramifications when a person accepts naturalism as the cause of everything and rejects God as the creator. Brainstorm a bit and create your own list of possible consequences, and then look at the ones mentioned by Paul in Romans 1:18-32

4. Do you find that naturalism or creation by God is being taught the most in our society? _____ Are we seeing the effects of the prevailing teaching in our society now?

5. Explain the difference of having faith in a place (heaven) and faith in Jesus Christ as it relates to salvation. Cf. John 14:1-6, 20:31; Heb. 9:15

6. Read Psalm 19:1-6. How does this passage relate to Romans 1:20?

_____ How could we be better reminded of God through the creation on a daily basis?
