

“HEAVEN”

PART 4

“Heaven - What a destination!”

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In our series on heaven, we have discussed the location, the fact of it being our true home, and even our built-in desire to go there. We also have discovered something far more important than its existence and location -- the very idea that our bodies will be resurrected and our own real beings (our soul and spirit) will be glorified is astounding! We will be “remade” and able to enjoy heaven forever. Up there (somewhere) is heaven, and we will be equipped to partake of everything it contains!

But even more astounding is the fact that the essence of heaven is being in a “face to face” relationship with Jesus Christ - - never to be separated; always being in His lovely presence to adore, worship and learn. These thoughts are really beyond our comprehension at this point in our lives. We are limited in our understanding and without experienced knowledge. Yet, by faith, we are convinced of these things. Right? We are on our way to heaven -- what a destination!

HEAVEN IS NOT...

Purgatory

- This is a “**man**” made doctrine with no biblical value or existence.

Paradise

- Paradise is the **resting** place for Old Testament saints until the millennium on this present **earth**.
- Paradise has been **moved** from the center of the earth up to the edge of the third heaven.

New Jerusalem

- This city comes out of heaven to “**hover**” above the earth.
- Christ will **rule** from here for 1000 years.

New Earth

- One day, after the Great White Throne Judgment, God will **create** a new earth.
- This earth will have been destroyed. The new earth will be **inhabited** by the Old Testament Saints.

HEAVEN IS...

A Place of Reward

- Crowns will be **received** as we arrive in heaven.
- A never-ending time of “pleasant **surprises.**”

A Final Destination

- We, the “**Church**” (Body of Christ), will always be with Jesus Christ.

Heaven

New Jerusalem

New Heaven

Completely New One Day

- All “**residue**” of rebellion and sin will be gone.
- Our final destination is beyond all **human** description.

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Since our loving God has done all of the **preparation** for our future, how do you respond to Him daily?
- Are you living today like you are "**heaven bound**?"

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Name two ways your thinking has changed after studying about heaven.
2. Name one way your actions have changed after this study.
3. Are you really excited about your future in heaven?
4. How often during the day do you have "heaven" thoughts?