

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

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Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit:

1. We as Christians Must never lose site of the eternal home that belongs to the redeemed.

WE DON'T SING ENOUGH SONGS ABOUT HEAVEN ANYMORE

(As a boy growing up in Revival Tabernacle in San Diego, CA)

1. When we all get to heaven
2. This is like heaven to me
3. When the Saints go marching in
4. I'll live on
5. This world is not my home
6. Everybody will be happy over there
7. Sweeping through the gates
8. When the redeemed are gathering in
9. Just over in the glory land
10. There is a new name written down in heaven

EARLY CHRISTIANS WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH HEAVEN

1. The Roman catacombs, where the bodies of many martyred Christians were buried, contains tombs with inscriptions such as these:
2. In Christ, Alexander is not dead, but lives
3. One who lives with God
4. He was taken up into his eternal home
5. **One Historian Wrote**: Pictures on the catacomb walls portrayed Heaven with beautiful landscapes, children playing, and people feasting at banquets.

THE EARLY WRITINGS OF THE APOSTLES ARE ALMOST FOREIGN TO US TODAY

1. **Paul writes**:

Php 1:21 For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

Php 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

Php 1:24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

2Co 5:6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

2Co 5:8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

HEAVEN IS A PREPARED PLACE FOR A PREPARED PEOPLE

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Jud 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1. Jesus deliberately chose common physical terms: (House, rooms, a place) to describe where he was going and what he was preparing for us. He wanted to give his disciples and us something tangible to look forward to – an actual place where we would go to be with him.
2. Peter said to: “*look for a new heaven and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness*”

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Pe 3:11 *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

WE ARE ALL BORN WITH A TERMINAL DISEASE

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

1. Human beings, have a terminal disease called mortality. The current death rate is 100 percent. Unless Jesus returns soon, we are all going to die someday.
2. We don't like to talk about death: Yet worldwide, 3 people die every second, 180 every minute and nearly 11,000 every hour.
3. Every day 250,000 will die and spend eternity somewhere.

Psa 90:12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

OUR HOPE IS IN THE GOSPEL

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

THINGS THAT WILL NOT BE IN HEAVEN

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

1. No more tears; No more death; No sorrow; No crying; no more pain; no sin.

Rev 22:14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Rev 22:15 For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

HEAVENS TRAVELERS GUIDE

1. Accommodations: Arrangements for first-class accommodation have been made in advance: *“I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:1-3)*
2. Passports: Will not be able to pass through the gates without the proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling authority. *“Names written the Lambs book of life.” (Rev. 21:27).*
3. Departure Time: Date of departure has not been announced, Travelers are advised to be prepared to leave at short notice. (Acts 1:7)
4. Tickets: Your ticket is a written pledge that guarantees your journey. *“Ye are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.” (Eph 1:13).*
5. Customs: Only one declaration is required while going through Custom; That you have been born of the water and of the Spirit and living a clean and holy life, unspotted by the world. (James 1:27)
6. Immigration: All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country, the quota is unlimited!
7. Luggage: No luggage whatsoever can be taken. *“You brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.” (1 Timothy 6:7)*

8. Air Passage: Travelers will go directly by air and are advised to watch for indications of imminent departure.

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

9. Vaccinations and Inoculations: Injections are not needed, as diseases are unknown at the destination