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HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST

**EPH 1:3** 

#### I. IN CHRIST

I. Salvation is in Christ.

A. ACTS 4:11-12

B. 2 TIM 2:10

2. In Christ we are a knew creature.

A. 2COR 5:17

3. In Christ we are made alive.

A. 1 COR 15:22

- 4. Some say we are baptised into Christ.
  - A. GAL 3:27
  - B. Baptism is a picture, symbol, or likeness. ROM 6:5
  - C. MAT 26:26 The bread was not Christ, s body.
  - D. MAT 26:26-27 The fruit of the vine was not his blood.
  - E. GAL 3:17 The promise to Abraham included us and could not be annuled by the law that came four hundred and thirty years later.
  - F. Church membership, baptism, nor anything else that came after the promise could not annul it.
- 5. There must be an actual union with Christ.
  - A. 1 JN 4:13 Union with Christ.
  - B. JN 14:16-18 Christ is in us and with us.
  - C. 1 COR 3:16 The spirit of God dwells within you.
  - D. ROM 8:9 If we have not the spirit of Christ we are none of his.
  - E. EPH 1:13 The sealing of the spirit is by faith.
  - F. GAL 3:2; 13-14 Spirit recieved by faith.
  - G. GAL 4:6 Because you are sons God has sent the Spirit of his son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
- II. REV 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city the holy Jerusalem, decending out of Heaven from God.
  - 1. We need to go up and look over there often it is Heavenly places in Christ.
  - To hear them singing over there will make the toil of the road seem like nothing.
- III. No more sea.
  - No more wars.
  - No broken homes.
  - 3. No division amoung the brethren, PS 133:1-3
- IV. THE FATHER, S HOUSE
  - 1. JN 14:1-3
  - 2. REV 21:1-8
  - 3. City of gold = righteousness

#### V. THE CITY IS CALLED THE LAMB.S WIFE

## 1. ISAIAH 62:4

- A. Hephzibah--My delight is in her.
- B. Beulah-Married.
- C. No sad good byes.
- D. Time want matter any more.
- E. Just a few more days.

# VI. FOUR SQUARE CITY

- 1. HEB 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.
- 2. PS 90:2 From everlasting to everlasting thou art God.
- 3. 2 COR 1:20 All the promises in him are yea, and in him amen.

#### VII. THE CITY WALL

- Providence of God.
  - A. ROM 8:28
  - B. PS 37:25
- 2. No death behind that wall.
  - A. EPH 2:1
  - B. JN 11:25-26:5
  - C. JN 5:24

## VIII. GATES OF PEARL

- 1. REV 21:25 The gates shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
- 2. REV 21:8 Nothing to fear.
- 3. MAT 13:45-46 Access to the city worth it all.
- 4. 2 COR 3:17 Liberty

# IX. THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MEN

- 1. God will dwell with his people
  - A. REV 21:3
  - B. MAT 28:18-20 [ will be with you all way, even to the end of the world.
  - C. ACTS 16:25 The Phillipian jail was a heavenly place.
  - D. DAN 3:23-25 The furnace of fire became a heavenly place in Christ.
- Nothing said of flowers but:
  - A. REV 22:2 The tree of life will be in eternal bloom.
  - B. SONG 2:1 The rose of Sharon will be there.
  - C. SONG 2:1 The lily of the valleys will be there.
  - E. The lily of the valleys can make the lowest valley of your life a heavenly place.

#### X. NO TEARS

- 1. LUKE 7:37-50 He can wipe the tears from the eyes of the worst sinner.
- PS 116:8 Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
- The Prince of peace that spoke peace to the raging sea can calm every storm of life and when he does it is heavenly places in Christ.