

**“Catching A Vision of Heaven”**  
“Implications of the Gospel” — Part 12  
*Revelation 21 and 22*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

John 14:1-3

**We believe that God will raise the dead bodily  
and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever  
to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment  
and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy  
with the Lord in the new heavens and new earth,  
to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.**

*“Pity the man who never thinks accurately about heaven!”*

Randy Alcorn

**1. When you think about heaven, what excites you the most?**

**2. Where does the believer go when they die?**

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Job 19:25-27

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

Philippians 1:21-24

**Special note:** There is the present heaven we go to when we die, but our eternal home, where God will come down to dwell among His people, is called the New Earth.

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.      2 Peter 3:13

**Genesis**

- \*Heavens and earth created, 1:1
- \*Sun created, 1:16
- \*The night established, 1:5
- \*The Sun is created, 1:10
- \*The curse announced, 3:14-17
- \*Death enters history, 3:19
- \*Man driven from the garden 3:24
- \*Sorrow and pain begin, 3:17 \*

**Revelation**

- \*New heavens and earth, 21:1
- \*No need of the sun, 21:23
- \*No night there, 22:5
- \*No more seas, 21:1
- \*No more curse, 22:3
- \*No more death, 21:4
- \*Man restored to paradise 22:14
- \*No more tears or pain 21:4

*We come full circle. God created man to reign in the garden,  
and in the end, we will reign on the earth.*

### 3. What will we do in the New Heaven and New Earth?

But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever. Daniel 7:18

- We will find our greatest pleasure in God.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:1-4

- We will serve Christ

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. Revelation 22:3

- We will help run the universe. (We will undertake new projects for God's glory and our enrichment. Our best workday on earth is just a foretaste of the joy of our work in heaven. (Luke 19:17 workers in the kingdom)

...And they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22:5

- We will rest.

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:9-10

### 4. What will our relationship with God be like?

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:4

...I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:13-16

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Matthew 5:8

***Special note:*** *Seeing and knowing God, we will see ourselves, and every person and event through God's eyes. We will spend eternity exploring and serving our great God. There will not be a moment to be bored!*

## 5. Will we know everything when we get to heaven?

- We will see all things with clarity. (1 Corinthians 13:12)
- Only God is omniscient.

...Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 1:12

- We will spend eternity gaining greater knowledge.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6-7

*The very God who lives in eternity will be revealing Himself to us throughout eternity!*

## 6. Is it possible to know for sure that you will go to heaven?

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:11-13

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Romans 10:9-11