

How Real Is Heaven?

A deeper experience of faith, love and hope

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Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Do I truly believe that I am actually a citizen of Heaven?

If so, I shall live my life with eternal <u>perspective</u> and my work with eternal <u>value</u>. There is inner joy in my heart knowing <u>where</u> I will be and <u>who</u> I will meet when I breathe my last.

2 Corinthians 5.1-3

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the <u>heavens</u>. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our <u>heavenly dwelling</u>, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. Since I am living a temporal, earthly life, am I starting to "groan" or long for a permanent and eternal home that I belong to?

Although I may not comprehend or imagine how eternal life is like in Heaven, I know that I will have a <u>glorious</u> body that is fully <u>redeemed</u>, with no pain and suffering, but full of joy, love and peace in the <u>eternal</u> presence of God.



1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in <u>heaven</u> for you, who by God's power are being guarded through <u>faith</u> for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

How should I feel, think or conduct myself knowing that my eternal inheritance has already been prepared for me in Heaven?

Yes I am elated and deeply grateful to Jesus. However, I need to <u>examine</u> my faith, <u>guard</u> it zealously and stay <u>close</u> to Jesus, as I go through life struggles, challenges and unknowns that always seek to distract and discourage me or even destroy my trust in God.

<u>John 14:2-3</u>

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.

I Go to Prepare A PLACE FOR YOU

If Heaven is a real place where Jesus dwells and where He is going to bring me home, how does it make a difference in my life on earth now?

Through this living hope, I shall live a life of gratitude and generosity remembering and sharing with those without this hope, especially to the <u>sick</u> and <u>needy</u> in pain and suffering.



Revelation 21:1-2

Then I saw a new <u>heaven</u> and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of <u>heaven</u> from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

How can I prepare myself to meet the Lord as His bride?

I shall constantly ask myself whether my life reflects <u>Christlikeness</u> and whether my time, talents, treasure, resources, work, ministry, relationships, opportunities and network are fulfilling the <u>purpose</u> of God bringing <u>glory</u> Him.

My Personal Reflection Time

What is your response to this lesson on "How Heaven Is Real'.

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