

2016 Summer Series: Faith Builders

Part Five: Looking Forward to Heaven

Sunday July 31, 2016

1. *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast (Eph. 2:8-9).*

2. *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and 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. 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 crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Rev. 21:1-5)*

3. What are some of the things that a bride looks forward to when she's getting ready to get married?

4. What are some of the things that we look forward to about heaven?

5. *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 crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Rev. 21:2-4).*

6. What **will** heaven be like?

- This new earth will be God's dwelling place – but it will also be renovated for resurrected people to live there. Resurrected people with resurrected bodies.

7. *Our citizen ship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body (Phil. 3:20-21).*

8. What will we do in heaven?

- We will worship God.
- We will work.

9. "Your eternal destiny is not cosmic retirement; it is to be part of a tremendously creative project, under unimaginably splendid leadership, on an inconceivably vast scale, with ever-increasing cycles of fruitfulness and enjoyment – that is the prophetic vision which 'eye has not seen and ear has not heard.'" Dallas Willard

10. *Can we know for sure that we'll go to heaven?*

11. *"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 Jn. 5:13).*