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What is Heaven? Revelation 21-22:5

Introduction

Have you ever wondered what eternity in Heaven will be like? The “holy city, the new Jerusalem” is described as the place where God will “remove all...sorrows.” Forevermore, there will be no death, sorrow, crying, or pain. What a wonderful truth! No matter what you are going through, it’s not the last word---God has written the final chapter, and it is about true fulfillment and eternal joy for those who love him. We do not know as much as we would like, but it is enough to know that eternity with God will be more wonderful than we could ever imagine.

Discussion Questions

1. What questions do you have about heaven? How has your view of heaven changed after hearing Pastor David’s sermon? Share any misconceptions you have previously held about heaven. How often do you think about heaven as a real place?
2. Some say that if you’re too “heavenly minded” that you’ll be no earthly good. However, Pastor David stated, “The most heavenly minded are the most earthly good!” Explain the meaning of these two statements more thoroughly. Give an example of people who are “heavenly minded” but no earthly good and how do they act?
3. Colossians 3:1 says, “Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits at God’s right hand in the place of honor and power.” (NLT) (Zeteo=to crave for by an ongoing quest.) What do you crave for and how do your cravings drive you? Describe the characteristics of a person who has an ongoing quest for heaven? Where are you in your ongoing quest for heaven?
4. Think about the details given in Revelation 21 about what the new Jerusalem will look like. How does the magnitude of this image make you feel? How do the details given show the love and passion Christ has for you?
5. “Eternal Heaven is God descending to a sin-ruined Earth to heal and restore a new Earth and to dwell with men forever.” What do you think of Pastor David’s definition of “Eternal Heaven?”
6. Five things you won’t find in heaven; sadness, death, sickness, suffering, and sin. How does this proper view of heaven dissolve and neutralize fear and hopelessness in this world? How can we pray more effectively for our family and friends to be prepared for eternal heaven?

Conclusion

Jesus stated, “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.” John 14:1-2