

WHAT WILL WE DO IN HEAVEN?

Will heaven be boring?

What we know about God.

1). God is Relational (so we will be in relationships)

Revelation 22:13 (NIV) *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*

Matthew 22:37 (NIV) *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'* ³⁸ *This is the first and greatest commandment.* ³⁹ *And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* ⁴⁰ *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

Genesis 2:18 (NIV) The LORD God said, *"It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

John 17:21 (NIV) *that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.*

Christoplatonism=Plato adopted a view of Chnty that the physical world is bad, and so heaven does not have physical bodies, and we lose our memories, and identities. This is unbiblical.

2). God Reigns (so we will reign with Him)

Revelation 5:1 (NIV) *Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.*

² *And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"* ³ *But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.* ⁴ *I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.* ⁵ *Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."*

⁶ *Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.* ⁷ *He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.* ⁸ *And when he had taken it, the four living*

creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 20:4 (NIV) *...They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years*
Revelation 2:26 (NIV) *To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations.*

2 Timothy 2:12 (NIV) *if we endure, we will also reign with him.*

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

3). God is Creative (so we will experience His creativity)

Creation

Arts

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV) *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.*