

## WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

1 Corinthians 15:20 (NIV) *But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.*

### 5 Descriptions of Heaven

#### 1). HEAVEN WILL BE A PHYSICAL PLACE.

Luke 23:43 (NIV) *Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."*

*"enclosing a carefully cultivated area of exquisite plants and animals, was the most powerful symbol of paradise available to the human imagination."*

-Theologian Alister McGrath

Revelation 2:7 (NLT) *"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God."*

#### 2). WE WILL HAVE PHYSICAL BODIES.

##### a). Transfiguration

Luke 9:28 (NIV) *About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, <sup>9</sup> which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.*

##### b). Martyrs in heaven

What will our bodies look like?

- Ever thought about what Adam/Eve actually looked like BEFORE the curse?
- Ever thought what they would think if they could see us NOW?

#### 3). HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE A CITY

Hebrews 11:10 (NLT) *Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.*

Hebrews 11:16 (NLT) *But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.*

#### **River of Life**

Revelation 22:1-2a (NIV) *Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city.*

#### **Tree of Life**

Revelation 22:2b (NIV) *On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.*

#### **4). HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE A BEAUTIFUL HOME**

John 14:2 (NIV) *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.*

#### **5). WE WILL LITERALLY SEE GOD.**

Psalms 63:1 (NIV) *You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.*

Psalms 27:4 (NIV) *One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.*

Revelation 22:4 (NIV) *They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.*

John 17:3 (NIV) *Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

2 Corinthians 6:16 (NIV) *For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."*

Ezekiel 37:27 (NIV) *My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

Let's not forget, in Matthew 25, Jesus talked about the sheep and the goats.