

SO YOU'RE DEAD -NOW WHAT? HEAVEN HELP US?

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 Corinthians 2

Heaven will be... A New Creation

21 *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

Revelation 21

28 *Jesus replied, “I assure you that **when the world is made new**[i] and the Son of Man[j] sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.[k] Matthew 19 (19:28a Or in the regeneration)*

17 *“Look! I am creating **new heavens and a new earth**, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore. Isaiah 65*

13 *But we are looking forward to the **new heavens and new earth** he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness. 2 Peter 3*

19 *For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.*

Romans 8

Heaven will be... Real Bodies & Real People in a Real Place

22 *For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children,[j] **including the new bodies he has promised us.** 24 We were given this hope when we were saved. Romans 8*

51 *But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but **we will all be transformed!** 52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53 **For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.** 1 Corinthians 15*

2 *Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. **But we do know that we will be like him,** for we will see him as he really is. 1 John 3*

*“You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God **from every tribe and language and people and nation.** 10 And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign[d] on the earth.” Revelation 5*
Heaven will be... All Right

*4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and **there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain.** All these things are gone forever.”*

5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” Revelation 21

18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. Romans 8

12 He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”

Matthew 3

Heaven will be ... The Fully Known Fully Knowing

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears...

12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 1 Corinthians 13

*3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. **God himself will be with them.** Revelation 21*

Heaven will not be... for Everyone

*14 Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. 15 **Outside the city are the dogs**—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshippers, and all who love to live a lie. Revelation 22*

*13 “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell[f] is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and **only a few ever find it.** Matthew 7*

27 Nothing evil[f] will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Revelations 21

Heaven is.... Our Real Home – This Isn’t

*13 All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but **they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth.** 14 Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. 15 If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. 16 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. Hebrews 11*

*10 A single day in your courts **is better** than a thousand anywhere else! Psalms 83*