

CrossWalk notes

Heaven Is...

Coming (This Isn't It!)

November 7, 2021 / Phil Bischoff

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¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:9-10,13-14 NIV

If heaven is coming, _____ gets to go?

- **Anyone who claims The Lamb's _____ over sin, death and the devil as their own.**
- **People in heaven will look _____ from each other, but will be " _____ " the same in Christ's righteousness.**

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When I get to heaven, what will I be like? I'll be...

- **Eternally _____ for God's salvation**
- **Eternally _____ to God with other believers**
- **A _____ follower of Jesus Christ**

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink...? ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:31-37,40, NIV

This life isn't heaven! Heaven is our _____. As I look forward to eternity with Jesus I _____ what he does.

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink... ⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger...?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' ⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:41-44a, 46, NIV

When this world ends, Jesus will give everyone what they _____ in this life: Life with him or without him.

MEMORY VERSE

... "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. Matthew 25:34b, NIV

My next step: Heaven is mine! I can't wait to be with Jesus forever. Right now, I'll stay close to Jesus and value what he does.

What's your next step today? Mark it on your Communication Card.

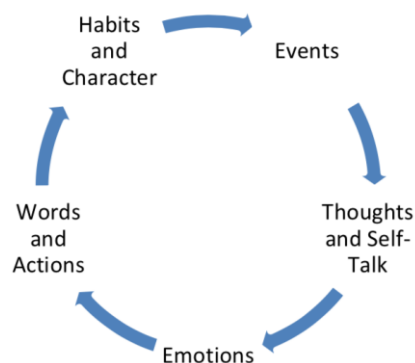
Impact Group Questions

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Getting Started –What do you think heaven will be like?

Going Back to Sunday

Each week we have the thought/action wheel that is meant to help us process the message and to come to a more clear understanding of how we think, feel and act. How does the truth that this life isn't heaven, both affect my thoughts and self-talk and influence my words and actions?



Read: **Revelation 7:9-10**
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What are the white robes described here and who will be wearing them? (Look at Revelation 7:13-14 and Romans 3:21-26 for help)

What does the fact that everyone will look different (nation, tribe) but be "dressed" the same (white robes) show us about who gets to go to heaven? How does this comfort you?

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In heaven, you will be a fully-developed follower of Jesus Christ. Explain, then, what you will be like and what your relationship with God will be like.

Review Jesus' teaching about Judgement Day in Matthew 25:31-46

Agree or disagree. This account reinforces the idea that good people get to go to heaven.

Read the last fill in of the notes and react to it.

Doing Life Together

Take time now to talk about a fun event you can do together and an Impact Project you can do to show love to your community. (Leaders, be sure to watch the Impact Project Video that Karie Hicks emailed to you last week! The video will help you greatly in planning your Impact Project)

Friendship:

Spend 10 to 15 minutes of catching up with other group members. Take time to get to know those you don't know quite as well. Make sure to include everyone in the group.

Reminders:

Questions? Pastor Chris and Dan lead a Facebook and Instagram live event every Tuesday evening at 6 PM to answer any questions you might have from the message.

Take a look at these events together in the fellowship app. If you've done one in the past, please share your experience.

- **Fall Picnic and Imagine Celebration:** November 20, 2021 from 3 -6 PM. Look for more information and register on the Church Center App under events.
- **Feed a Family:** What an opportunity to impact our community as a church family! Please donate and sign up to volunteer on the Church Center App.