



“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

Philippians 3:20-21

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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3

I. The Glorious Destination of Believers 1 Corinthians 2:9

What we otherwise could not have known about Heaven, because we’re unable to see it, God says he has revealed to us through his Spirit. This means that God reveals to us what Heaven is like.

II. The Marriage of the Lamb Revelation 19:8-10

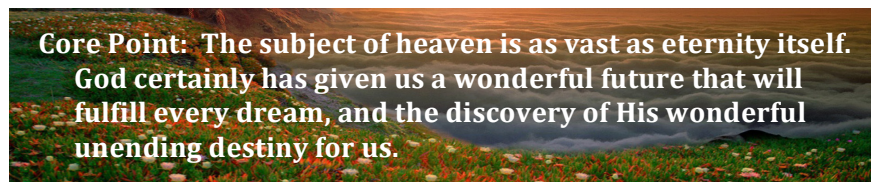
There will be *one* marriage, between Christ and his bride—and we’ll all be part of it. Paul links human marriage to the higher reality it mirrors: *“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.”* Ephesians 5:31-32

The one-flesh marital union we know on Earth is a signpost pointing to our relationship with Christ as our bridegroom. That one marriage, our marriage to Christ, will be so completely satisfying that even the most wonderful earthly marriage couldn’t be as fulfilling.

Every longing for romance is a longing for the ultimate romance with Christ. Every desire for intimacy is a desire for Christ. Every thirst for beauty is a thirst for Christ. Every taste of joy is but a foretaste of a greater and more vibrant joy than can be found on Earth as it is now. ~Randy Alcorn

III. The Rewards of the Righteous 1 Corinthians 3: 8, 11- 15

Our works do not affect our salvation, **but they do affect our reward.** Rewards are about our work for God; doing **His will with our lives.**



Scripture is clear that we’ll have different rewards and positions in Heaven, according to our faithful service in this life. There are five different crowns that will be awarded to the righteous.

IV. Ruling and Reigning with Him Luke 16:10 Rev. 5:10

Because Christ will be the King of kings, this will be the Kingdom of kingdoms—the greatest kingdom in human history. **Isaiah 9:7**

A place in God’s creative order has been reserved for each one of us. His plan is for us to develop, as apprentices to Jesus, to the point where we can take our place in the ongoing creativity of the universe.

~Dallas Willard

V. The New Heavens and New Earth Isaiah 65:17

God will make the new earth His dwelling place. . . Heaven and earth will then no longer be separated as they are now, but they will be one. But to leave the new earth out of consideration when we think of the final state of believers is greatly to impoverish biblical teaching about the life to come. ~Anthony Hoekema

It is no coincidence that the first two chapters of the Bible begin with the creation of the heavens and the earth and the last two chapters begin with the re-creation of the heavens and the earth. All that was lost at the beginning will be restored at the end. And far more will be added besides.

The Bible’s picture of resurrected people at work in a vibrant society on a resurrected Earth couldn’t be more compelling: As sons of God we’re going to help God run the universe. Salvation restores man to his original calling and purpose, and guarantees that man’s original mandate to exercise dominion under God over the whole earth will be fulfilled.” ~Randy Alcorn

VI. Where Dreams Come True Matthew 25:23

When we’re young, we are full of dreams in anticipation of what life holds for us. As we get older, our dreams shrink and “realism” takes over. **God will give us a new universe and unlimited time, then we will realize we’ll have opportunity to fulfill our dreams!** In fact, we’ll develop bigger dreams than we ever had; and see them fulfilled too! Our dreams will expand, not shrink.

There will be new planets to develop, new principles to discover, new joys to experience. Every moment of eternity will be an adventure of discovery. ~Ray Stedman

