

HEAVEN: The Glorious Things We Often Don't Talk About

Hebrews 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment...

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Luke 23:43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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Revelation 20:11-12 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence, earth and sky fled away, and there was no place found for them. And I saw the dead, small and great standing before God, and books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works by the things which were written in the books.

2 Corinthians 5:10 ...for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, either good or bad.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

1. The	or	Crown (1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
2. The Crown of		(1 Thessalonians 2:19)
3. The Crown of _		(2 Timothy 4:8)
4. The Crown of		(James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)
5. The Crown of		(1 Peter 5:4)

Matthew 25:21 Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a **few** things, I will make you ruler over **many** things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

Genesis 1:28 Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground

Psalm 72:8, 11 He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth... All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.

Revelation 22:5 They will **reign** forever and ever.

Daniel 2:35, 44 In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all the kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Psalm 8:6 You put us in charge of everything you made, giving us authority over all things.

Luke 14:11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 22:39-40 I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Daniel 7:18 ...the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever.

Daniel 7:25-27 Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.

Luke 12:32 Do not be afraid, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

How can we be free in heaven and not sin?

In eternity, believers ______ the capacity to sin.

- 1. When we're born again, we're given a new, godly nature. 2 Peter 1:4
- 2. When believers die, our godly nature becomes dominant. *Romans 6:4-7*
- 3. Christ is the perfect example of this nature. 1 John 3:2
- 4. Christ didn't sin, even though he had freedom. John 10:17-18
- 5. In Eternity, we can have freedom but won't sin. *Matthew 13:41-43*

Reflection & Discussion:

- 1. How do you view death?
- 2. Believers will face a future judgment of our service to God during our time on earth. Every thought, motive, and action will be evaluated by Jesus (1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10). How does this affect how you will continue to invest your life for Him?
- 3. In what practical ways could you invest your life for God's glory and the gospel more fully and faithfully?

SONGS

"FOUND IN YOU" - Paul Baloche and Andi Rozier

"YES I WILL" - Eddie Hoagland, Jonathan Smith, and Mia Fieldes

"COME THOU FOUNT" - Chad Gardner and Robert Robinson

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 14,371.03 WEEKLY GENERAL FUND NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$103,127.05 Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$144,372.00

"ALL HAIL KING JESUS" - Jeremy Riddle, Peter Mattis, Ran Jackson, Steffany Gretzinger