

## ***“Heaven – Are you going?”***

In the journey of life, we are traveling to ETERNITY, and we will all end up in one of two destinations: heaven or hell. Tonight we want to think about heaven.

### ***Some things that are NOT in heaven***

In Revelation 21:1-5, 27-22:5 we have an amazing description of what heaven will be like. It describes things that will not be in heaven:

**Suffering** – there will no longer be any sorrow, tears, crying and pain (Revelation 21:4). The Lord will show His power and change everything from this world that has been so sad and frustrating – “all things will be made new.” It is a complete contrast to eternal hell, which is called the lake of fire in the Bible, a place of terrible suffering.

**Sin** – there will not be any sin in heaven (Revelation 21:27), which is what will make heaven such a beautiful place. But it is for this reason that you and I need to have our sins forgiven now, or else we will never be able to go to heaven. Hell is also the exact opposite of this – it is the prison house for all of history’s sinners – imagine being confined in that kind of a place.

**Death** – heaven will never end, because death will be a thing of the past (Revelation 21:4). No separation – perfect unity with all the members of God’s family, and with the Lord Himself.

**Unbelievers** – But remember that there are no unbelievers in heaven (Revelation 21:8), so if you want to be in God’s beautiful home, you must trust God’s beloved Son!

### ***Someone who IS in heaven***

Of all the things in heaven, the most thrilling and wonderful is that Jesus our Lord and Saviour will be there! There are some important things to remember about Him being there – because He is there .....

#### **He has been exalted**

*Hebrews 8:1 “We have such a high priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens”*

Not only was the Lord Jesus raised from the dead, but He was taken back to heaven (Acts 1) – an indication that God has given Him the highest place and is very pleased with His work on earth at the cross. Philippians 2:9-11

#### **The believer’s sins must be gone**

*Hebrews 1:3 “When he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high”*  
Since sins are not allowed at all in heaven, and the Lord Jesus is there – we can be very confident that He has truly taken our sins away. Our sins were on Him at the cross, but He has definitely removed them now. See Psalm 103:12

#### **The believer has a representative in heaven**

*Hebrews 9:24 “For Christ has entered ... into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us”*  
Like an ambassador or an MP, the Lord Jesus is the believer’s representative in heaven, and He will never fail to represent us. When we sin, He is there to demonstrate that my sins do not affect my salvation – He is there as the perfect sacrifice that has taken my sins away.

#### **I will be there someday**

*Hebrews 10:34 “You have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven”*

The reason why many Christians have peace, even when their situation on earth is very difficult, is that we know our future is in heaven, and everything is safe and secure. See John 14:1-4