

We All Know What Heaven Is ... Right?
Part 2 | January 16, 2022

John 1:51 *You will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.*

John 14:1-3 *In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.*

1. What is the relationship between heaven and earth today?

a. Jesus is in the present heaven on behalf of his people

Hebrews 8:1-2; Hebrews 6:19-20

b. In some way, the present heaven has already been purified by the sacrifice of Jesus

Hebrews 9:23; Colossians 1:20

c. Citizens of heaven dwell on earth

Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 12:22-24

d. The kingdom of heaven is changing the hearts of the citizens of heaven

Matthew 6:10

e. Local churches can be a glimpse of heaven on earth

2 Corinthians 6:16; Matthew 18:20

f. The present heaven is like the believers' safety deposit box

Ephesians 1:3; 1 Peter 1:4; Matthew 5:12; Matthew 6:20

g. The eternal heaven is being prepared today

John 14:1-3; Hebrews 11:16, 12:22

2. What is going to happen to the present heaven?

a. It is going to pass away

Revelation 21:1

2 Peter 3:10-13

b. It is going to be replaced by a new, united heaven and earth.

Revelation 21:1-5

Colossians 1:19-20 For in [Jesus] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Ephesians 1:9-10 making known to us ... his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

3. What will the united heaven and earth be like?

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Revelation 21:10

**Eternal heaven = God's people living in His creation for His glory.
In the eternal heaven:**

**God's people will live in His creation without any _____
for His glory.**

Revelation 22:3

**God's people will live in His creation without any _____
for His glory.**

Revelation 21:8

**God's people will live in His creation _____ for His
glory.**

Revelation 21:3, 22, 22:3-4

1 John 3:2; 1 Corinthians

Psalm 27:4; Psalm 16:11

Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18

“Endlessness, one might say, is the glory of glory.
Hearts on earth say in the course of a joyful experience,
“I don’t want this ever to end.” But it invariably does.
The hearts of those in heaven say,
‘I want this to go on forever.’
And it will. There can be
no better news
than this.”¹

¹ Packer, J. I. (1993). [*Concise theology: a guide to historic Christian beliefs*](#) (pp. 264–267). Tyndale House.