

I. Introduction.II. When Christ returns, you will dwell with Him in the new heaven and the new earth.

- A. Your body will be raised and transformed. I Cor. 15:43
1. What is the relationship between your old body and your new body? I Co. 15:36-38
Jo. 12:24 2:19,21
 2. Your risen body will be glorious like the body of the risen Christ. Phil. 3:20f Jo. 20:27
I John 3:2 Luke 24:36-43 I Cor. 15:40-44,49 Rom. 8:29-30,23 I Jo. 3:2
 3. You will be incapable of sin. Rev. 21:4 I Cor. 15:52 Rom. 8:23-24, 29-30 I Jo. 3:2
Ezek. 36:26 II Pe. 3:13
- B. This present earth will be transformed. Isa. 35:1-10 65:17 66:22 Ro. 8:19f Acts 3:19f
1. The physical creation belongs to God and is important. Ps. 24:1 Gen. 1:31 Col. 1:16ff
 2. The physical creation must be renewed when the curse is lifted! Gen. 3:15f Rev. 22:3
Rom. 8:19-23
 3. The present earth will pass away. Lu. 21:33 II Pe. 3:6-10 Rev. 21:1,5 Ps. 102:25-26
 4. The earth will be renewed just as the body is transformed. Acts 3:21 Rev. 21:1,5
Isa. 65:17 11:9-10 II Pe. 3:13 Rom. 8:19ff
- C. What will the new earth be like? Ezek. 36:35
1. It will be a great civilization. Heb. 11:10,16 13:14 Rev. 7:9 21:22
 2. It will be huge. Rev. 21:16
 3. It will be glorious, beautiful, and good. Rev. 21:19-21 Is. 40:5 66:19-20 Ps. 102:16
Heb. 11:10 13:14 I Pe. 3:13
 4. It will be inhabited by a great multitude. Rev. 7:9
 5. There will be no death, pain, mourning, sorrow, tears, poverty, hunger, thirst, danger,
fear, sin, crime, curse, night, marriage, sea or temple. Isa. 25:8 55:1f 60:11,19-21
Rev. 21:1-4,22,25 22:15,3 7:16f 2:7 Ps. 27:1 Mt. 22:30
 6. It will be home. John 14:1-2
- D. What will you do in heaven (the new earth)?
1. You will find rest from the troubles of this world. Re. 14:13 He. 4:10-11 Da. 12:13
 2. Will you be bored in heaven?
 3. Heaven will be exciting, joyful, and fulfilling. Rev. 19:9,17 Ps. 16:11 Isa. 35:10
 4. You will give praise and glory to God as you, along with multitudes from every tribe,
tongue and nation will worship Him. Re. 5:13-14 7:9f
 5. You will never stop learning. II Co. 3:18 I Cor. 13:12 Dan. 12:4 I Pe. 1:12 Lu. 2:52
Heb. 5:8 Rev. 22:4
 6. You will serve Christ by working to express human dominion on the earth. Gen. 2:15
Re. 22:3 7:15 Ps. 90:17 Eph. 2:10 John 5:17
 7. Christ will reign and you will reign with Him. Re. 22:5,1 1:5 11:15 19:16 Isa. 9:10
Lu. 1:32-33 19:17 22:29-30 I Cor. 6:2-3 15:22-25 Heb. 12:2 1:8 Ge. 1:26-28 Eph. 1:10
- E. God will dwell with us in the renewed earth. Rev. 21:1-3 22:1 Gen. 3:8 Ezek. 27:27
1. Do you long for God's presence? Ps. 63:1 42:1f 27:4 73:25 Mt. 5:8 John 1:14 14:9
 2. We will see Him face to face. Rev. 22:4 John 1:14 17:3,24 I John 3:2
 3. Heaven will be full of His glory. Isa. 6:3 Ps. 72:19 Hab. 2:14 Eph. 1:20-22 Col. 2:15
Heb. 2:14-15 I Jo. 3:8

- F. Many of us have questions about heaven. Deut. 29:29
1. What will our resurrection bodies be like? Phil. 3:20-21
 2. Will there be plants, trees, and flowers? Gen. 1:11,29-30 Rev. 22:2,14,19
 3. Will there be animals? Ge. 2:24-25 Is. 60:6 11:6-9 65:17,25 66:22
 4. Where will I live? John 14:1-2,23 Isa. 65:21
 5. What relationships will we have in heaven? Mt. 22:30 Rev. 19:7 21:9
 6. How could we be happy without marriage?
 7. How can heaven be perfect when we know the bad things that happened on earth and we are aware that some we love are in hell? Rev. 21:4 18:20 19:1-5
 8. Will we miss the old earth?

III. Your knowledge of heaven affects your present life on earth.

- A. Spend time thinking about and desiring heaven. Col. 3:1 Heb. 11:16 Ps. 42 Phil. 4:8
1. Your expectation of the future dictates how you live in the present. I Co. 15:32
 2. Consideration of heaven should be part of your daily life. Col. 3:1-17 I John 3:2-3
 3. Live with an expectancy of Christ's return. Mt. 25:1-13 6:10a Rev. 6:10
- B. Devote your present life to enhancing your future happiness in heaven.
1. Your salvation (entrance into heaven) is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, not by your works. Eph. 2:8-9 II Ti. 1:9 Titus 3:5
 2. Yet the work you do on earth is important. Eph. 2:10 Titus 2:14 I Co. 15:58
 3. Your life and gifts are a stewardship from God. I Pet. 4:10 I Co. 4:1-2
 4. You will give account to God. II Co. 5:9-10 Ro. 14:12 Mt. 12:36
 5. The earthly work of some believers will prove to be worthless. I Co. 3:10ff Mt. 6:19
 6. You will be rewarded for your faithfulness to Christ. II Cor. 5:10 Ro. 14:10-12 II Ti. 4:8 I Co. 3:13-14 Rev. 3:21 14:13 19:7-8 Lu. 19:11-19 Mt. 19:29 25:21 Heb. 6:10
 7. Store up treasure in heaven. Mt. 6:20-21 II Pet. 3:10-13 I Tim. 6:17-19
 8. Pray that God will produce lasting fruit through your life. Ps. 90:17
- C. Your hope of heaven enables you to endure the trials of this fallen and sinful world.
Jo. 14:1-2 II Cor. 4:16-18 Ro. 8:18,35,38-39 He. 11:16 I Pe. 1:6 I Th. 4:18,13 II Ti. 4:6-8
- D. Your knowledge of the realities of the afterlife should move you to seek the salvation of the lost.

IV. Concluding applications. Rev. 22:17 Luke 10:20

Discussion questions

1. Why is the present world is such a mess?
2. What is the relationship between your present body and your resurrected body?
3. What is the relationship between the present earth and the new earth?
4. Why must God renew and restore this earth?
5. What will the new earth be like?
6. What will you do in heaven?
7. How will thoughts of heaven transform your life?
8. How can we be happy in heaven without marriage and without some of our loved ones?
9. What rewards can we expect in heaven?