

To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here.
(Jonathan Edwards)

THE COMFORTING HOPE OF HEAVEN FOR BELIEVERS (from 2 Corinthians 5)

1. believers know a new dwelling in heaven is coming (1)
2. believers yearn to be in heaven (2-3)
3. believers will be fully, consciously alive in heaven (4)
4. believers have the Spirit as the engagement pledge of heaven (5)
5. believers walk by faith as we journey to heaven (6-7)
6. believers know that at the moment of death, we enter heaven (8)
7. believers delight in the promise that heaven is “at home with the Lord” (8)

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“The Christian’s heaven is to be with Christ!” (Charles Hodge)

“[Heaven is] where the unveiled glories of the Deity shall beat full upon us, and we forever sun ourselves in the smiles of God.” (Ezekiel Hopkins)

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

**It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul!**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should
come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be
sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

COME PRAISE & GLORIFY

Come praise and glorify our God
 The Father of our Lord
 In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
 His blessings on us poured
 For pure and blameless in His sight
 He destined us to be
 And now we've been adopted through
 His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God
 Who gives His grace in Christ

In Him our sins are washed away
 Redeemed through sacrifice
 In Him God has made known to us
 The myst'ry of His will
 That Christ should be the head of all
 His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God
 For we've believed the Word
 And through our faith we have a seal
 The Spirit of the Lord
 The Spirit guarantees our hope
 Until redemption's done
 Until we join in endless praise
 To God, the Three in One

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Create in me a clean heart, O God
 And renew a right spirit within me
 Create in me a clean heart, O God
 And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
 And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
 And renew a right spirit within me

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,

and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST ARISE

Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through
His eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in His mighty
power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than
conqueror.

From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight
and pray,
Tread all the powers of darkness down and win the
well fought day.
Still let the Spirit cry in all His soldiers, “Come!”
Till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes
the conquerors home.

Westminster Larger Catechism Q.86

Q.86. What is the communion in glory with Christ that the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?

A. The communion in glory with Christ that the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death is that their souls are made perfect in holiness and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ and rest in their graves as in their beds, until they are again united to their souls at the last day. On the other hand, the souls of the wicked are cast into hell at their death, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, and their bodies are kept in their graves, as in prisons, until the resurrection and judgment of the great day.