

## HEAVEN: GOD'S ETERNAL GOODNESS TO YOU

Living in the Goodness of God – Part 12

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“Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,  
AND I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”  
Psalm 23:6

“ . . . It is through grace that we have been saved. And God has given us  
a PLACE WITH CHRIST IN HEAVEN to show for all ages to come GOD'S  
GOODNESS TO US because of Christ . . .” Ephesians 2:5-7

### WHAT IS HEAVEN?

- o IT'S A \_\_\_\_\_ NOT A STATE OF BEING.  
John 14:2-3
- o IT'S A \_\_\_\_\_ THAT'LL LAST FOREVER.  
2 Corinthians 5:1
- o IT'S A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ONLY GOD'S FAMILY.  
Revelation 21:27

### HOW IS HEAVEN DIFFERENT?

“No eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, and no mind has ever even  
imagined what God has prepared for those who love him!”  
1 Corinthians 2:9

What is NOT in heaven

### WHAT WILL WE DO IN HEAVEN?

1. WE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_  
“ . . . There will be one huge family reunion with the Master.”  
1 Thessalonians 4:17 (Mes)
2. WE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_  
“ . . . know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a  
reward for serving Christ.” Colossians 3:24  
Hebrews 10:35, 1 Peter 1:4, John 12:26
3. WE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_  
“Well done, good and faithful servant! You've been faithful with a few  
things; I will now put you in charge of many things. Come and share  
your master's happiness!” Matthew 25:21  
2 Timothy 2:12, Revelation 22:3-5

## HOW SHOULD I LIVE ON EARTH IF I'M GOING TO HEAVEN?

1. REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
“You are only a visitor here on earth. . . your real home is in heaven.”  
1 Peter 2:11a
2. RECOGNIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
“This world, and everything in it that people run after, is passing  
away; but those who do the will of God will live forever.”  
1 John 2:17
3. REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus: “Watch out! Guard against every kind of greed; Your life is  
NOT measured by how many possessions you own.”  
Luke 12:15  
  
Jesus: “Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths or  
rust can't destroy it, and where thieves can't break in and steal it.”  
Matthew 6:20
4. RESIST \_\_\_\_\_  
“I run straight toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being  
called to heaven.” Philippians 3:14 (CEV)  
  
“All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize  
that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.”  
1 Corinthians 9:25  
  
“I urge you as temporary residents to keep away from the sinful  
desires of this world that corrupt and war against your soul.”  
1 Peter 2:11
5. REFUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
“This is why we never give up . . . These troubles and sufferings of  
ours are actually quite small and won't last very long. Yet this short  
time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever  
and ever! So we do not focus on what we see right now - the troubles  
all around us. instead we look forward to the joys in heaven which  
we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to  
come will last forever!” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
6. REACH OUT \_\_\_\_\_  
“ . . . we encourage everyone to turn to him.” 2 Corinthians 5:11a  
  
Jesus: “Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make  
friends (for eternity). In this way, your generosity will store up a  
reward for you in heaven.” Luke 16:9
7. REMIND MYSELF \_\_\_\_\_  
“We know that when we die and these temporary tents - the bodies  
we live in here on earth - are taken down, God has an eternal home in  
heaven waiting for us, with new God-built bodies not shaped by  
human hands.” 2 Corinthians 5:1