

General Session #6 - I will be Glorified

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I. Introduction.

II. You will be a new person in a new place – sainthood fully realized.

A. What can we know about the afterlife?

Deut. 29:29, Heb. 11:10,13-16 13:14

B. When you die your soul will immediately be with the Lord in heaven.

Luke 23:43, Phil. 1:23, 2 Cor. 5:8

- Your body will sleep, awaiting the resurrection.

1 Thess. 4:13

- Your soul will be conscious and in the Lord's presence.

*Luke 9:30ff, 16:19-31 23:43, Mt. 6:9 22:32, Phil. 1:21,23, 2 Cor. 5:8
John 3:13, 6:38, Eph. 1:20*

- You will be like Christ -- sinless and incapable of sin.

1 Jo. 3:2, 1 Co. 15:52, Rom. 8:29-30, Ezek. 36:26, Phil. 1:6, Eph. 1:4

- All pain, death and sorrow will end.

Rev. 21:4, Isa. 25:8

- What else can we know (or infer) about the intermediate state?

*Lu. 16:19-31, 9:30-31, Rev. 6:9-11, 14:13, 1 Sam. 28:16-18, Mt. 22:32
Heb. 12:23, Phil. 1:21,23, 2 Co. 5:6-9*

C. When Christ returns your body will be raised and you will be fully glorified as you dwell with Him in the new heavens and the new earth.

Is. 65:17, Rev. 21:1f, 1 Co. 15:51ff

- The creation account is crucial to understanding what the new creation will be like – Christ came to restore what Adam lost.

Gen. 3:8, 24, 1 Jo. 3:8, Rev. 22:2-3, 2:7, 21:3,22

- Your body will be raised and renewed.
*Job 19:25-27, 1 Th. 4:13-17, 2 Co. 5:2-4,8, 1 Co. 15:16-19, 22,25-26, 36-38, 53-57
Phil. 3:20-21, 1 John 3:2, Rom. 8:29-30*
- This present earth will be radically transformed and renewed.
Acts 3:21, Ro. 8:19-23, Isa. 65:17, 35:1-10, 66:22, Ezek. 36:35, Rev. 21:5, 2 Pet. 3:10
- There will be no death, pain, sorrow, poverty, hunger, thirst, fear, crime
Rev. 21:4,1-2,25 22:15,2 7:17, Isa. 25:8a
- The new creation will be our glorious home.
Heb. 11:10,16 13:14 Rev. 7:9 21:16 John 14:1-2
- God will dwell with us in the renewed earth.
Rev. 21:1-3, 22:1, Gen. 3:8, Ezek. 27:27
- Do you long for God's presence?
Ps. 63:1, 42:1f, 27:4, 73:25, Mt. 5:8, John 1:14, 14:9, Rev. 22:4, 1 John 3:2

D. What will you do in heaven (the new earth)?

- You will find rest from the troubles of this world.
Rev. 14:13 He. 4:10-11 Da. 12:13
- Heaven will be exciting, joyful, and fulfilling.
Rev. 19:9,17 Ps. 16:11, Isa. 35:10
- You will give praise and glory to God along with multitudes from every tribe, tongue and nation as you worship Him.
Re. 5:13-14 7:9f
- You will never stop learning.
Co. 3:18, 1 Cor. 13:12, Dan. 12:4, 1 Pet. 1:12
- You will serve Christ by working to express His dominion on the earth.
Ge. 2:15, Re. 22:3, 7:15, Ps. 90:17, Eph. 2:10
- You will reign with Christ.
*Rev. 22:5,1, 1:5, 11:15, 19:16, Isa. 9:10, Lu. 1:32-33, 19:17, 22:29-30
1 Cor. 6:2-3, 15:22-25, Heb. 12:2, 1:8, Ge. 1:26-28, Eph. 1:10*

E. Summary: You will be a new person in a new world. Are you sure that when you die you will be in heaven?

Luke 23:39-43, John 3:16 14:6

III. What we will be affects how we live now.

A. The application of eschatology (prophecy).

B. Spend time thinking about and desiring heaven.

Col. 3:1ff, Heb. 11:16, Phil. 4:8

C. The certain expectation of our heavenly destiny enables us to endure our present suffering.

Rom. 8:18,35,38-39, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Heb. 11:16

- God's people are suffering.

Rev. 6:9-11 2:9, James 5:1ff, 1 John 3:1-2

- The Lord will bring justice to those who have persecuted His people.

2 Th. 1:5-10, Ps. 73:3, 16-20, Rom. 12:19

- Our loss, shame and suffering will be replaced by the fullness of joy in glory.

1 Pe. 4:13, Luke 18:29, John 14:1-2

- The hope of heaven enables us to endure to the end.

2 Tim. 4:6-8

D. The certain hope of our heavenly destiny motivates us to pursue holiness now.

1 Jo. 3:1-2, Col. 3:1ff, 2 Thess. 1:11-12, 2 Pe. 3:13, Mt. 25:1-13

- We have been chosen and called to be holy.

Eph. 1:3ff, 1 Pet. 1:15-16, 2:9-12, Ex. 19:6, Lev. 11:44, Deut. 7:6

- Meditation on heaven will empower you to put off sin and to put on righteousness.

Col. 3:1-17

- The expectation of being in the transforming presence of Christ motivates us to pursue purity.
1 John 3:1-3, Col. 3:4, Mt. 5:8, Prov. 4:23, Mt. 5:8, Js. 1:27
- Devote your present life to enhancing your future happiness (treasure) in heaven.
1 Co. 15:58, Mt. 6:20-21, 25:1ff, 2 Pet. 3:10-13, 1 Tim. 1:1-19, Rev. 14:13, 19:7-8
- Pray that God will produce lasting fruit through your life.
Ps. 90:17

E. The realities of the afterlife motivate you to seek the salvation of the lost.
Luke 16:27-28

IV. Conclusion.
Rev. 22:17, Luke 10:20