

PRAYER

- Ask God for the church to have a deeper revelation of the essence of eternal life and for each member of the church to be empowered to do mighty exploits in this life.



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CONNECT

- What is your idea of heaven?
- What do you think you would do when you get to heaven?
- If given a chance, would you find your loved ones in heaven?
What would you talk about?

WORD

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Ephesians 1:7-10
(Also read Ephesians 1:3-6.)

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

The topic of heaven brings to our senses the depth of God's grace and spiritual blessings we have in Christ. It also gives us a clearer picture of what life has ahead for us who persevere in the walk of faith here on earth. It is exciting to discuss eternal life as the future of believers. As we look forward to that appointed time, let us understand the biblical truths about heaven.

- **Heaven is a spiritual blessing from God.**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

Heaven is the grace of God revealed. There is no amount of good works we can do to attain heaven—it is purely by grace. His unmerited favor and unconditional love is His eternal reward and spiritual blessings to the faithful. Through whom do we attain access to heaven?

- **Heaven is for the true children of God.**

⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will . . .

Ephesians 1:4,5

Heaven is a dedicated place for people who are prepared. People who never enjoy spiritual experience on earth would not enjoy the awesome

experience in heaven. Our relationship with our Lord Jesus is our touch point to the heavenly experience. What did Jesus promise about heaven (John 14:1-4)?

- **Heaven is a part of the mystery of Jesus that will be revealed in the end times.**

⁸. . . With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment –to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ

Ephesians 1:8-10

Jesus' gift of redemption and His heavenly rewards remain to be a mystery. The full and complete revelation of it all is when we meet Him in heaven (1 John 3:1,2). But by His grace, He allowed us to experience a glimpse of heaven in our daily walk and spiritual journey with Him. How does one experience heaven on earth?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- What are the things that you can do to enjoy your spiritual relationship with God?
- What activities on earth would earn you eternal rewards in heaven? By whose strength should this be done? Why?
- How does the reality of heaven affect the way you live today? How do you feel about heaven?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What areas in your life do you think you need to change so you can enjoy heaven in the future? What will you do about this?
- How can you best demonstrate giving honor to the Heavenly Father? What specific steps can you take towards doing this?
- Who among the people around you need to hear about the good news of heaven? How will you share this message to them?