Series: "HEAVEN, HELL & THE END OF THE WORLD" Part 7: "THE HOPE OF HEAVEN" **Crossroads Community Church** May 7, 2017

Heaven Defined:	Heaven is a, not simply a state of	
The most basic sense: • Heaven is seen as the place where God This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Isaiah 66:1a (NIV) • See: Matthew 6:9; 7:21; 16:17; 18:10; 18:19	 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3 (NIV) See: Acts: 1:9-11; Acts 7:55-56; Revelation 21 & 22 	
The place where God's people dwell with Him following while awaiting their resurrection Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:6 & 8 (NIV) Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)	 Heaven is a place of full with God 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. Revelation 21:3 (NIV) Heaven is a place completely free of 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:27 (NIV) Heaven is a place of great 9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 	
 Eternal Heaven: The where God will dwell with His people in unhindered and unimaginable joy See: Isaiah 65:17-19; 66:22-23; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Romans 8:19-21 	Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV) Heaven is a place of incomparable beauty, joy, and abundance in the of God • See: Revelation 21 & 22	

Therefore:

Heaven Described:

o The ultimate end of the Gospel is ______ that we will go to Heaven, but that Heaven will to us!

What do we as believers do in Heaven?

⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, [e] just as God did from his. 11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. Hebrews 4:9-11 (NIV) ⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saving: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!" ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." Revelation 19:5-8 (NIV) ²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matthew 19:28 (NIV) ¹⁵ Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. Revelation 7:15 (NIV) ²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. Hebrews 12:22-23a (NIV) ²⁴ Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? ²⁵ When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. Mark 12:24-25 (NIV)

• See: Matthew 17:1-8: Mark 9:2-8: Luke 9:28-36

3 questions to ask ourselves as a result of what we learned:

1.	Is our focus on storing up treasure?	or
	19 "Do not store up for yourselves tree vermin destroy, and where thieves bree for yourselves treasures in heaven, we destroy, and where thieves do not bree your treasure is, there your heart will	eak in and steal. ²⁰ But store up here moths and vermin do not ak in and steal. ²¹ For where
2.	How deeply do we currently	for God's?
3.	God has placed a desire for eternity ?	within us — where will we
	¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in the human heart;	n its time. He has also set eternity Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NIV)
Se	rmon Notes:	
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¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 (NIV)