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REVIEW

"Our faith is in a person (Jesus), a place (Heaven) and a promise (from God's Word)"

"Heaven—that perfect place of perfect delight—is our eternal home-sweet-home. It will be absent of evil and it belongs to only those whose names are written in the Lambs Book of Life."

What's Different about Heaven?

1. We never _____.

Revelation 22:1-2a, NIV84 - ¹ Then the angel showed [Gk: δείκνυμι, "DEIK-na-me", means "to prove"] me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city.

John 7:37-38, NIV84 - ³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

2. We never get _____.

Revelation 22:2, NIV84 - ² ...On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing [Gk: θεραπεία, "therapeia", means "complete healing"; "theos" (God) and "apeia" (make well)] of the nations.

3. We never deal with "the curse" ever again.

Revelation 22:3a, NIV84 - ³ No longer will there be any curse [a clear reference to the curse placed on the earth when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden].

Genesis 3:14-19, NIV84 - ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.'" ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." ¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." ¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.'" ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return [in other words, "You will die a physical death"]."

4. We get to see _____ face-to-face.

Revelation 22:4a, NIV84 - ⁴ They will see his [i.e., God's] face...

Exodus 33:11a, HCSB - ¹¹ The LORD spoke with Moses face to face, just as a man speaks with his friend.

5. We will be His _____.

Revelation 22:4b, NIV84 - ⁴ ...and his name will be on their foreheads [i.e., "the bridge of the nose between the eyes"].

6. We will never be without _____.

Revelation 22:5, NIV84 - ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light [it is the same word also translated "life" or "life force"]. And they will reign lit., "to wear a robe" (of authority)] for ever and ever [our power to reign will never end].



As God's Children, we have the most magnificent hope!



Answers to "What's Different About Heaven" Sermon

Based on Revelation 22:1-5

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1. Die
2. Sick
3. (no blank)
4. God
5. Forever
6. Power