

Celebrating Fellowship

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When we all get to Heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be! All things will be as God intended them to be before the ruination of sin.

We have a lot of questions about Heaven that won't be fully answered until we can get there. When the fulness of time comes there will be a new Heaven and a new earth.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

We pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven." Earth itself will be redeemed from corruption.

Romans 8:20–21 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Not all the beauty of Heaven will be for the eye. What about the beauty of a world where only righteousness dwells? Of which there will be perfect peace and unity among all the people who have been eternally redeemed.

This is the life for which Christ died that we may have. He gives us this life when we receive His salvation. He begins a work in us to prepare us for His eternal kingdom.

What's Missing in the Church

Colossians 3:8–10 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

Ephesians 4:2–3 With all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The Blessing of the Church

Psalms 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

The Church is Identified by its Unity

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.

(Jesus prays for His church) John 17:21 That they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.