

# I Am A Saint - Part 3

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**In the Bible, the word *saint* simply means a \_\_\_\_.**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control....*

—Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

**This *fruit of the Spirit* begins to grow in us here on earth, as we allow Christ's Spirit to work within us as disciples of Jesus Christ, but we won't experience the fulness of these fruit in *this* \_\_\_\_.**

*But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.*

—Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

*And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.*

—1 Corinthians 15:19 (NLT)

**No matter how good this life is, it can never compare with \_\_\_\_.**

## **THINGS THE BIBLE AFFIRMS ABOUT HEAVEN**

**1. Heaven is a place of great \_\_\_\_.**

*In the year that King Uzziah died I [Isaiah] saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of*

*his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'*

—Isaiah 6:1-3 (ESV)

*But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand.*

—Acts 7:55 (NLT)

*...I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.*

—2 Corinthians 12:4 (NLT)

**2. Heaven is beyond our \_\_\_\_ and description.**

**3. Heaven will be an experience of great \_\_\_\_.**

*King David: ...[we] will live in the house of the LORD forever.*

—Psalm 23:6 (NLT)

*Jesus: 'In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.'*

—John 14:2-3 (ESV)

*And I [John] heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'*

—Revelation 14:13 (ESV)

**Many Christians here on earth are satisfied to just rock along in their lives, doing little for the kingdom of God, but**

**the values of heaven are \_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus: 'In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!'*

—Luke 15:7 (NLT)

*Jesus: 'But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.'*

—Mark 10:31 (NLT)

**God, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, gave us the gift of \_\_\_\_, for all eternity.**

*John: After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, 'Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. They sang, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, 'Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?' And I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one who knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple. And he who sits on the throne will give them shelter. They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to*

*springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.'*

—Revelation 7:9-17 (NLT)

#### **4. We will receive \_\_\_\_ bodies.**

*For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.*

—2 Corinthians 5:1 (NLT)

*He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control. So, whatever our heavenly bodies will be like, they will last forever and be like our Lord's own glorious body.*

—Philippians 3:21 (NLT)

#### **5. In some way, the \_\_\_\_ we do here on earth for Jesus Christ will affect our lives in heaven.**

*Jesus: 'Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.'*

—Matthew 6:19-20 (NLT)

*Jesus: 'Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.'*

—John 12:26 (NLT)

*Jesus: 'What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.'*

—Luke 6:22-23 (NLT)

**6. For all who place their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, we have the \_\_\_ of heaven *now* as a glorious gift and reward.**

*Jesus: 'So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.'*

—Luke 12:32 (NLT)

*Peter: All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.*

—1 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)

*Jesus: 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.'*

—Matthew 13:44 (NLT)

**Those who have sought out Jesus by living as his saints, his set apart people today, have the \_\_\_ of heaven for which to look forward.**