

REVELATION, Part 3: Heaven

The New Testament * Week 40 * Opening prayer: #7. *For the Diversity of Races and Cultures*,
BCP 840

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- I. Though last week, I talked about resurrection and heaven...
- II. Is Heaven a place, time, or state of being?
 - A. It's a PLACE:
 1. Revelation 21:1- 4 --
 2. **Where is it?**
 - a) Up ...?
 - b) Here?
 - c) Where God is...
 - B. It's a TIME:
 1. Revelation 21:4 –
 2. But remember: “Time” in Eternity, which is outside of “Creation” is different from “Time” here INSIDE Creation.
 - a) Time now is chronological. Time in eternity is always NOW.
 - b) Hard to imagine, but it's like
 - (1) feeling several conflicting emotions simultaneously:
 - (2) A ZOOM meeting,
 - C. It's a STATE of being...
- III. Heaven is a place/time/state of NEW: Revelation 21:5 --
 - A. New heaven and earth: See above.
 - B. New Time: See above.
 - C. New Bodies for us: 1 Corinthians 15 –
 - D. New Experiences
 1. No lack. That wedding banquet in Revelation 19 and 21
 2. Revelation 4, 5, and 14 Worship

3. Psalm 16: 11 **PLEASURES**
4. Isaiah 57:1-2 -- **REST**
5. Revelation 21:4 No pain, suffering, grief, or tears.

E. New Relationships:

1. With folks we know and love:
2. With folks we THOUGHT we know and don't love:
3. Matthew 22:30 and Mark 12:25, We won't be married...
 - a) Does that mean sex with everyone? NO!
 - b) Does that mean spouses will love each other LESS? NO!
 - c) Will we still get to make love? We won't need to...

No sacraments in heaven...

"kingdom and priests of our God" Revelation 1:6

F. New Friends:

IV. And it lasts FOREVER! 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 –

V. We don't have to wait until we die ...

- A. Get to know and love God himself...
- B. Get to know and love God's people: 1 John 4:11-12
- C. Get to know and love Our spouse:
 1. Ephesians 5:21-33
 2. This is why the Enemy works so hard at destroying marriages!
 3. Nothing is closer to heaven than a good marriage, and nothing is closer to hell than a bad one!
- D. Get to know and love God's creation...
- E. Get to know and love All the gifts of God...

NEXT WEEK: Recap of the whole New Testament. Then a break. Then Andrew Lazo with a year with C.S. Lewis. Details to come.

Preparation for next week: Read anything you missed in perusing the New Testament

Closing prayer: #1. A General Thanksgiving, BCP 836