



Heaven is a Social Place

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The first _____ in Heaven.

1 Timothy 2:5-6 NIV

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

The _____ of Heaven.

Revelation 7:9-10 NIV

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. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Your _____ in Heaven.

Revelation 2:17 NIV

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

John 14:2-3 NIV

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.

Your _____ in Heaven.

It was the Unicorn who summed up what everyone was feeling. He stamped his right fore-hoof on the ground and neighed and then cried: "I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. The reason why we loved the old Narnia is that it sometimes looked a little like this. Bree-hee-hee! Come further up, come further in!" ~ C.S. Lewis - The Last Battle

_____ **with Jesus.**

Our _____ continue.

Friendship initiated on earth barely has time to get started; we only scratch its surface in the few short years we reside on earth. Its greater and richer dimension will unfold in heaven.

~ Joni Eareckson Tada

Our relationships will be _____.

Matthew 22:29-30 NIV

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven."

Perichoresis, "asserts that the divine modes of existence condition and permeate one another mutually with such perfection, that one is as invariably in the other two as the other two are in the one."

~ Karl Barth

Trinity is the most comprehensive and integrative framework that we have for understanding and participating in the Christian life.

~ Eugene Peterson

Revelation 21:22-24 NIV

*I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, **and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.***

People will _____ to Heaven.

You will _____ to Heaven.

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Small Group Questions

1. What did you find most helpful about what Pastor Matt was sharing about Heaven being a social place?

2. Had you thought about Jesus continuing to be a human being before? Does that understanding have any implications for the way you view what He did for us or what Heaven will be like?

3. Revelation 2:17 promises that Jesus will give us a new name known only to Him and to us. As Paul writes in 1 Cor. 13:12 - We will finally be fully known. How does that insight impact you?

4. Jesus promises he is preparing a place for us. If the place he creates for you reflects the best of who he has created you to be, what could you imagine it to be like?

5. Randal Rauser writes “Theologians have long debated the question of whether, or in what way, God the Son was omniscient and omnipotent during his life and ministry recorded in the Gospels. But we can all agree that he is definitely omniscient and omnipotent now and will be for eternity. Consequently, when we are glorified in eternity, we will enjoy an unfiltered experience of Christ’s divine omnipresence. This will mean, for example, that a prayer in eternity will be met with an immediacy and intimacy that we cannot presently fathom.” What kinds of things are you looking forward to talking with Jesus about in Heaven?

6. Eugene Peterson says, “Trinity is the most comprehensive and integrative framework that we have for understanding and participating in the Christian life.” Does the Trinity help you understand the Christian Life? What do you think he is talking about?

7. Revelation 21:24 says that the Kings of the earth will bring their splendour into heaven, and Revelation 3:21 says we will be those Kings. What are some of the ways you would enjoy adding to Heaven? What kinds of ways can you imagine spending your time?
