

HEAVEN

What will it be like?

+We will have long deep talks with people we only met casually on earth, we will have the joy of discovering that every person is a loved child of God.

+Love and joy and forgiveness and kindness and being forgiven will be what we experience toward others.

+We will see people from our past and greet them - our teachers, friends, co-workers, childhood playmates, high school and college friends, our best friends.

+We will be completely open about ourselves, have no hesitation about sharing all our fears and shame and regrets we had on earth, and know we will be loved and accepted.

+We will renew our loves for our parents and family, and understand them and why they did what they did. We will laugh and spend much time enjoying our memories.

+We will express our sadness that some people we loved are not in heaven, we will wonder what more we could have done to win their souls to Christ.

+We will understand the Trinity nature of God though it will continue to be more important to love than to understand.

+We will be completely filled with the Spirit of Christ and know that we are participation in the life of God.

+ We will not be able to talk to or influence anyone on earth directly, but we can ask Jesus to send His Spirit or angels to those on earth and intercede for them in such a way that they may be helped or converted.

+We will appreciate like never before, the life and death of Jesus Christ. In heaven, all the millions of saints will celebrate his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension, and the gift of His Spirit.

+We will see every word that Jesus spoke on earth as engraved in gold.

+We will understand and weep with thankfulness for his passion and death.

+We will meet and speak with all the saints of the Bible: Able, Enoch, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph. We will meet the prophets. We will see Moses, David, Solomon, Saul, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and all the other men and women of the Old Testament. We will listen to the beloved saints of the New Testament also; Mary and all the women who were with the Lord. The apostles and disciples will be there. Peter, John, James, Matthew, Luke, Mark, Stephen, Paul! We will ask them what they wrote and

Speak with them for many long days.

+ We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and strength.

+ We will understand the great sacrifice which Christ made and weep for his passion and cruel death.

+ We will meet Muslim, Jew, Buddhist, Hindu and many other people of other faiths, who, in some mysterious way came to know and love and trust Jesus as their savior.

+ We will understand why those who rejected Christ did so.

+ We will be given special blessings and joys for having served Christ's kingdom when on earth.

+ We will see Jesus, the Father and Spirit in all their glory and fall down in complete adoration and worship. We will bow low and in deepest reverence and overwhelming joy that we feel our hearts will explode with love.

+ We will understand with compassion and not with bitterness, all the clergy and religious who have deceived, misled and abused us.

+ We will join chorus after chorus after chorus of choirs singing all the beloved hymns we sang on earth.

+ We will see our pets that we loved so much, and all the animals of the earth and understand how God has cared for them both on earth and in death.

+ We will appreciate as never before the beauty of the earth that was ours to enjoy; the mountains, canyons, meadows, lakes and rivers, valleys, oceans, deserts, fields, the stars and planets of the universe.

+ We will be surprised over and over again when we were shown how "all things worked together for good" during our lives. How often we were preserved, rescued, saved, protected and provided for.

+ We will understand botany, zoology, psychology, archaeology, and all the sciences as if we had studied them on earth, realizing how they are all part of

of God's gifts to us.

+ We will see that in heaven there are no wars, no conflicts, no debates or arguing. Even those we disagreed with will not be our friends and companions. All prejudices are gone, all bigotries and hatreds are unknown. All people are one in Christ.

+ We will see how God's deep care and provision for the cherished unborn who were aborted in life, and all the babies and children who have died in life. There is a special heavenly mansion for all these children where their parents can comfort them and love them, sing to them, and tell them about Jesus.

+ We will meet all the famous of the world. All those whose fame did not prevent them from being saved! Kings, queens, politicians, statesmen, actors and actresses, presidents and emperors; for now there are no distinctions of status in heaven! All that matters is

our shared joy in being there and loving the Trinity God.

+ There are no books or computers in heave, all knowledge is available to all people.

+ We will understand how inordinate sex destroyed so many lives on earth, and see how many brave people overcame sexual perversions and addictions.

+ Everyone will know how to pray and will pray without hesitancy. Heaven is filled with adoration, worship, joy, thankfulness. There is no longer a need for asking God for anything anymore.

+ We will see a special chamber of lights in which the Bible will be illuminated. As each page is turned by angels, we will read it and instantly understand it as if written for ourselves alone. We will see how it is really the Word written and given by God.

+ Whenever the Father or Jesus pass by in Spirit as they walk among the blessed of heaven, all things cease as all fall to the ground, enraptured in praise and joy.

+ We will never feel loneliness, fear, anxiety, suffering or sorrow. All tears will be wiped from our eyes.

+ We will converse with people across all languages and cultures for in heaven there is a spiritual language understood by all.

+ Whatever work we delighted in on earth will be ours to enjoy and benefit all others.

+ We will run to those we offended and seek their forgiveness, and all will be forgiven. Many will run to us to ask our forgiveness, and we will quickly forgive without regret or hesitancy.

+ Birds of every species will be singing continually, and all animals will be friendly to us and to each other. All animals will allow us to pet and touch them without intimidation.

+ People will hug each other constantly. Tears of joy will flow through the heavens.

+ There will be no need for food or drink for all hunger and thirst will be satisfied.

+ People will rest and sleep as they will and always be alert and refreshed when awake.

+ We will be the age at which we died but without it's ill effects or limitations. There are no wheelchairs, crutches, walkers or canes in heaven.

+ Jesus told us that we would be like angels, meaning we would have spiritual bodies of some kind, but recognizable to all who knew us on earth.

+ To be sure you are going to heaven, read John 3:1-16 and then Romans 10: 8-11, and then say these words slowly and sincerely.

Jesus, I heard you say to Nicodemus that he had to be born anew in order to enter the kingdom of God. I understand that I too

must become spiritually reborn or spiritually awakened. Like everyone else I came into this world spiritually asleep. I hear you telling me as your told Nicodemus that it is the Holy Spirit who gives me this new birth. And this happens because God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I heard Paul say that the way to become born anew, so I can go to heaven when I die, is very close to me right now. It's a word I can speak and it's a belief in my heart right now. Paul said that if I say with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and God and I believe in my heart that God the Father raised him from the dead, I will be saved. For with the heart a man believes and becomes right with God; and when he speaks his belief with his mouth he is saved. It has to be both inside the heart and outside with the mouth. For the scripture says, whoever believes on Jesus Christ shall never be ashamed or disappointed.

So Father God, right now I tell you that I believe that Jesus is Lord and God who saved me. I confess that I have been a sinner and have committed many sins. I believe that Jesus was raised from death. I believe that He came to give me new life and will reserve a place for me in heaven, and that when I finish these words, the Holy Spirit will come into my heart and I will become spiritually awakened and born anew. I ask this in the Name of the Father, the Holy Spirit and in Jesus Name. Amen!