



Eternity in the Midst of Uncertainty

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There is an amazing hope that Christ-followers can have. In the midst of struggle, we are reminded that there is more beyond! Heaven is a wonderful hope!

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. 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. John 14:1-3 (NIV)

Heaven is:

1. A place of love and reunion

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. John 14:3 (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. Revelation 7:9a (NIV)

2. A place of discovery and growth

And God raised us up with Christ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6a-7 (NIV)

See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will

not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. Isaiah 65:17 (NIV)

3. A place of activity and accomplishment

If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? Luke 16:10-11 (NLT)

4. A place of remarkable beauty

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43 (NASB)

5. A place of joy and laughter

...Come and share your master's happiness. Matthew 25:23b (NIV)

They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:3b-5 (NIV)

Who May Enter:

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:27 (NIV)

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on them. John 3:36 (ESV)

Discussion Questions:

1. When you think about heaven, what comes to mind?
2. What part about heaven excites you the most? Why?
3. How does that make a difference in how I live today?