

Things to Come- Heaven Colossians 3:1-2- David Rhodes

Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)

"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth."

Heaven is Rest

Hebrews 4:9-10

"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his."

Revelation 14:13

"Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

- Rest from sin and failure
- Rest from exhausting labor
- Rest from pain and tears

Heaven is New

Revelation 20:1, 4-5a

"Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea...⁴ '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."⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Heaven is a City

Revelation 20:10-21

"And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ...¹⁸ The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.¹⁹ The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. ...²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street

of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass."

- A Place of Beauty
- A Center of Creativity

Heaven is Home

John 14:2-3

"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? ³ 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."

- Reunion with loved ones
- Residing with the Father

Revelation 20:3

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

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