

# Why I Want To Go To Heaven

John 14:1-3

## Introduction:

- A. "Heaven hold all to me ..."
- B. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. (Text)
- C. Heaven is a real place - but not a physical or material place (cf. 1 Cor. 15:50-53)
  - 1. Does not have properties of time, space, etc. of physical universe.
- D. Heaven is a place every believer wants to go — someday!
  - 1. Like little boy thought they were getting us load today.
  - 2. Many want to spend life living for self then go to heaven when die.
- E. Heaven is for those who want to go badly enough to do what it takes to go — Here is why I want to go there:

## Discussion:

- I. I Want To Go To Heaven Because Of Its *Beauty*.**
  - A. Nothing will be run down or decaying. (1 Pet. 1:4)
  - B. Beauty beyond imagination. (Rev. 21:11-22:1)
- II. I Want To Go To Heaven Because Of Its *Environment*.**
  - A. A place of rest from earthly labor and struggle. (2 Thess. 1:6-7; Rev. 14:13).
  - B. A place of perpetual service. (Rev. 7:15; 22:3).
    - 1. The nature of service yet to be revealed.
    - 2. The idea of just sitting around playing harps in eternity is not taught.
  - C. A place of perpetual happiness. (Rev. 21:4).
- III. I Want To Go To Heaven Because Of Its *Population*.**
  - A. We will be with **God**. (Mt. 5:34; Mt. 6:9,10)
  - B. We will be with **Christ**. (1 Thess. 4:13-18; Phil. 1:23)
  - C. We will be with **Angels**. (Mt. 18:10; Mt. 22:30; Mk. 13:32).
  - D. We will be with **Saints**.
    - 1. Of old. (Mt. 22:32; 17:1-5; Heb. 12:22-23).
    - 2. Faithful of all time. (Rev. 2:10; John 14:1-2; Matt. 25:34,41).
- IV. I Want To Go To Heaven Because Of Its *Alternative*.**
  - A. It is either heaven or hell. (Mt. 25:34, 41).
  - B. Hell to terrible to contemplate.
    - 1. Lake of fire. (Rev. 21:8).
    - 2. Furnace of fire. (Mt. 13:50)
    - 3. Everlasting fire. (Mt. 18:8)
    - 4. Unquenchable fire. (Mk. 9:42-48).

## Conclusion:

- A. Do you want to go to heaven?
  - 1. Cannot go accidentally—strive to go. (Luke 13:24).
  - 2. Cannot go in defiled state (Rev. 21:27) — must be forgiven (cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 John 1:7-9).
- B. Wouldn't it be tragic to be too careless, too rebellious, too stubborn to go to heaven? (Cf. 1 Sam. 15:23).