

## **Looking Forward to Heaven, Part 8: What the Saints will Do, Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

A. The proper place for Christians is heaven. (Philippians 2)

B. What will we do in heaven?

C. Review.

1. We will worship in heaven.

2. We will reign with Christ.

### II. We were saved to be priests who serve God. (Revelation 1:6, Numbers 17:12, I Peter 2:9, Isaiah 58)

A. There is something in a human that needs to do something. We need to serve because it is part of our humanness. (Revelation 22)

B. God will make evaluations of our service and reward us accordingly. (I Corinthians 3:11-12, Daniel 12:3, I Thessalonians 2:19)

C. Heaven will be forever receiving the joy and exaltation of the crown. (I Corinthians 9:25)

D. The crowns the believer will receive are eternal life. One's capacity for eternal joy will be related to what a person does on earth. (II Timothy 4:8, I Peter 5:2-3, Revelation 2:26, 22:12)

### III. There will be rest in heaven. (Hebrews 4, Matthew 11, Luke 13:29, Revelation 14:11-12, II Thessalonians 1:7)

A. The rest that we are called to is the rest of trying to pursue God.

B. Jesus Christ will serve us. (Luke 12:35, John 13)

### IV. Looking toward heaven...

A. Is evidence of salvation.

B. Is the motive to the highest Christian character.

C. Is the truest path to joy.

D. Is the best preservative against temptation and sin. (Colossians 3)

E. Maintains the vigor for spiritual service.

F. Honors God before all.

G. Repays God.

**Application questions:**

1. How can heaven be described as both a place of rest and a place of service?

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2. What is the purpose of rewards in heaven?

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3. How would you counsel someone struggling to maintain his or her spiritual passion in light of the message? Explain.

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