

## Things About Heaven

What causes a person to board a plane, train, ship or auto and head out to a distant vacation destination? Escape, to get away from the busyness and challenges of life for a while and to experience perhaps a beautiful new place. For Christians, the final destination is Heaven. It is one of the motivating factors that keep us moving through life. But what will it be like? What is it that draws us to it and gives us hope of being there for eternity?

- Heaven is God's Dwelling Place – 2 Chronicles 6:39
- Jesus Christ is There – Colossians 3:1
- A Place of Many Mansions (Dwellings) – John 14:2
- All Things will Be Like New – Revelation 21:5
- There Will be Non-Stop Worship - Revelation 4:8
- Heaven has Been Prepared Just for Us – John 14:3
- Heaven has a Zero Crime Rate - Matthew 6:20
- We'll Never be Sad in Heaven - Isaiah 60:20
- No One will Cry or Be in Pain – Revelation 21:4
- No Alarm Clocks or Deadlines in Heaven - Revelation 21:23
- We Will See Him and Be Like Christ - 1 John 3:2
- We'll Never Grow Old in Heaven - 1 Corinthians 15:52
- Heaven's Beauty is Indescribable - 1 Corinthians 2:9

Wow! I want to go, don't you?

~Jay Lanius

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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## Why We Need Jesus

As we go through life, there are basic needs. Food, shelter and clothing are all basic needs. Other needs include social, emotional needs like a sense of belonging, nurturing environment and basic instruction. In the spiritual context, we need God, His word and Jesus.

We need Jesus because He is our mediator who reconciles us to God. "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). God sent His Son to reconcile the sinful. "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18-19). God did this by offering Christ as a sacrifice for our sins. "By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10). "We now have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Eph 1:7). Jesus is the only way to God (John 14:6, 21-23). We need Jesus because He is the only way a sinner can be reconciled to God.

It is Jesus who intercedes for us. Now at God's right hand, Jesus makes intercession for us (Rom. 8:34). He serves as our Advocate with the Father. "And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). By coming to earth, He has become our perfect high priest. "Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted" (Heb. 2:17-18). He enables us to come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain mercy and help (Heb. 4:16). He now "always lives" to intercede on our behalf (Heb. 7:25). We need Jesus, for He is the only way a Christian can remain in fellowship with God. "If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us" (1 John 1:6-10).

There are many other reasons why we need Jesus. Chief among them is the forgiveness He offers through the new covenant. Without what He did we would not have hope. ~ Josh Blackmer

**The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one. I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:22,23)**

**Keep These Dates in Mind****July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

July 11 - Potluck

Kael Botts 7/3  
Danny & Shannon Mendoza 7/22  
Jim & Holly Preston 7/22  
Sarah Mendoza 7/28  
Ila Stephens 7/28*Love  
bears all things,  
Believes all things,  
Hopes all things,  
Endures all things,  
Love never ends.  
! Cor. 13:7, 8a)***Bible Studies****Adult Bible Classes**Sunday a – 1 Samuel  
Sunday p - Romans  
Wed p – The Church  
(5-week study)**Young Adults class-  
Teen Room**(led by  
Danny Mendoza)**Ladies Class**(Contact Sandi  
Gray for  
information)

Please let Lynette Jones know about upcoming events, prayer requests or birthdays she hasn't included so she can include them in the bulletin.

**Ongoing Health issues:** Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Sandi Gray, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce Michael Stimson, Jim Preston**In Our  
Prayers****Marilyn Davis'** Memorial will be on Saturday July 17, at 2pm at the Kennewick Church of Christ Building.**Willis Lindholm's** surgery went well. Please keep the Lindholm's and the Danley's in your prayers as they are going through so many health issues now.**Stephanie Leger's** brother has kidney issues and was in the hospital with high potassium levels this week. She has requested prayers for him.The first Sunday potluck was moved to **July 11** due to the first Sunday landing on the fourth of July this year.**Our Ministries****Mountain States Children's Home**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

**Peru Ministry** - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

**Food Pantry** - If you are in need of food assistance, please contact one of the men of the congregation and they will be able to help you with this need.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

**Dwelling in Unity***"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"  
(Psalm 133:1)*

Do you observe the divisions among people? Turn on the news and you'll see people screaming at each other over political differences. Division among people is not limited to politics, it even occurs in churches. The early church struggled with divisions among them (cf. Acts 15:1-11). Paul wrote, "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you" (1 Corinthians 1:10-11).

Unity among God's people requires a great deal of effort because, in our weaknesses, we tend to want to fight with each other. The apostle Paul wrote how we need to be "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). Jesus prayed for unity among His followers: "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:20-21). Jesus, who has been tempted in all points which we have (Hebrews 4:15), knew it would be challenging for His followers to keep united.

However, when the followers of God endeavor to keep unity among them, something beautiful occurs. As the opening verse above indicates, it is "good" and "pleasant" when brethren dwell together in unity (Psalm 133:1). The psalmist likens this unity to 2 separate things. First, regarding brethren dwelling together in unity, the author writes, "It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments" (Psalm 133:2). When Aaron became high priest, Moses took some of the holy oil which had which had been used to anoint the tabernacle and all of its furnishings (Lev. 8:10-11), and anointed Aaron by pouring this holy oil upon his head (Lev. 8:12). Thus, as the holy oil was used to make holy the tabernacle and its furnishings, the holy oil was used to indicate Aaron was holy and ready to serve God as High Priest of the Israelite nation. Unity among brethren is holy! It is sacred and it should be cherished! Furthermore, the holy oil flowed from Aaron's head and beard and ran down to the edge of his garments. When a spirit of unity exists among God's people, it flows throughout the church and blesses everyone who is in it.

Second, the psalmist tells us regarding unity among God's people: "It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing-- life forevermore" (Psalm 133:3). As the dew that fell upon Mt. Hermon eventually descended and provided water for God's people in Zion (i.e., Jerusalem), so unity among God's people is a great source of nourishment for God's people. It is encouraging knowing I have brothers and sisters in Christ who are united with me and are a source of spiritual encouragement to me. ~Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ

**"Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind" (Philippians 3:16)**