

Heaven Will be Worth it All!

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Introduction: “Is the Goal of Heaven Really Worth Striving for?”

- A. The “here and now” attitude of the world.
 - 1. Most people live life without as much as a thought of Eternity and seek to get as much personal fulfillment and pleasure on earth as possible.
 - 2. If we are not careful, we can get caught up in such an attitude and begin to think we are “missing out” on what this world has to offer.
- B. We must not ever forget why it is that we are Christians.
 - 1. More than any other blessing, we are Christians because we *want* to go to Heaven!
 - 2. The goal to go to Heaven should be our number one heart’s desire (**Phil. 3:14**).
- C. Lest we get discouraged or forget why it is that we are serving God, we need to always keep the goal of Heaven in our hearts and minds.

I. “What Makes Heaven So Desirable?”

- A. Not *physical* pleasures or riches, emotional bliss, self-indulgence, etc.
 - 1. Many talk of what *they* want heaven to be like, instead of what the Bible reveals it to be.
- B. Perfect and complete fellowship *with God*.
 - 1. Heaven is the place where God dwells (**Ps. 11:4; Mat. 23:9**).
 - 2. For those who know God and love Him, there is no greater reward than to be with God in heaven! (**John 17:3; Luke 10:27; John 14:15; 1 Pet. 1:8-9; Phil. 1:23**).
 - 3. This is what makes Heaven so wonderful: *Uninterrupted fellowship and total union with God for all Eternity!* (**Rev. 21:3**).
- C. There will be no death, mourning, crying, or pain (**Rev. 21:4; Luke 20:36**).
- D. There will be no sin or anyone who practices sin in Heaven (**Rev. 21:27**).
 - 1. No more struggles against temptation and sin – absolute freedom.
 - 2. Only God and the people of God will be there!
- E. Heaven is a much, much better place to be in Eternity than Hell.
 - 1. The only alternative to Heaven is Hell, a horrible fate for the wicked.
 - 2. Despite popular belief that there is a Heaven, but not a Hell, Hell is a real place to avoid (**Mat. 13:41-42**).

II. Heaven is Indeed Worth it All!

- A. Heaven is worth the sacrifice of becoming a disciple of Christ (**Mat 16:24-27**).
 - 1. Whatever reservations you have that keeps you from obeying the gospel, Jesus says that in order to save your life you must *lose it* for His sake.
 - 2. You may have to give up “the whole world” with all of the riches, sinful pleasures, and honors it may bestow upon you, but you will save your soul which is of immeasurable worth!
- B. Heaven is worth giving up the “*passing pleasures of sin*”
 - 1. Are you “looking to the reward”? (**Heb. 11:24-26**).

2. There is **no** sinful practice that one should not be willing to give up in order to go to Heaven (**Gal. 5:19-21**).
 3. There is **no** sinful lifestyle that is worth keeping in life, only to lose your eternal inheritance (**1 Cor. 6:9-10**).
 4. *Even* a seemingly happy marriage that is unlawful is worth giving up in order to go to Heaven (**Mat. 19:9; cf. Heb. 13:4; Ezra 10:3**).
 5. Whenever giving up sin seems difficult, remember the goal of Heaven!
- C. Heaven is worth giving up earthly treasures (i.e., riches and possessions).
1. Realizing that earthly, material goods could keep you from Heaven, would you not give them up? (**Mat. 19:16, 21-22**).
 2. Especially in America, there is a temptation to lay up treasures on earth of every kind (e.g. clothes, house items, cars, electronic gadgets, DVDs, money)
 3. When material goods become so important in which they occupy our minds and hearts *more* than God, we will be kept from entering heaven *and no possession or amount of money is worth that!* (**Mat. 6:19-21**).
- D. Heaven is worth the changes we must make for God (**2 Pet. 1:4-11**).
1. True change is never easy, but we strive to partake of the divine nature because we want to enter the eternal kingdom.
 2. In Christ, we *can* change! (**2 Cor. 5:17**).
 3. By looking at the unseen and eternal, we will day by day make those spiritual changes for God until we are *completely* transformed at the resurrection (**2 Cor. 4:16-18; 1 Cor. 15:42-54; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Jn 3:2**).
- E. Heaven is worth the good deeds that God commands us to do (**Rev. 14:13**).
1. We must never forget that the good deeds we do in faith is an “investment” for our eternal future (**Gal. 6:7-10**).
 2. No matter how much work a person does for God to demonstrate his faith, **no one** will ever reach Heaven and say that it was not worth it!
- F. Heaven is worth any trial, suffering, or persecution we may endure.
1. The hardship and suffering endured in this life pales in comparison to the glory of Eternal life (**Rom. 8:18**).
 2. As challenging as it can be to remain faithful during the “fiery trials” of life, Heaven will be worth it all! (**1 Pet. 1:3-7**).
- G. Heaven is worth going against family members, if necessary.
1. Jesus taught that our love for Him must be *greater* than even the love we have for our parents or our children (**Mat. 10:37-38**).
 2. As difficult as it can be to go against the wishes of family members in order to please God, to go to Heaven is well worth it! (**Mark 10:29-30**)
- H. Heaven is worth giving up friendships, if necessary.
1. Many times a life of godliness or Christian living will “turn off” even our closest friends (**2 Cor. 2:14-16**).
 2. Friends may regard us as strange for our peculiar behavior (**1 Pet 4:4**)
 3. Knowing we are right with God and that we are **a friend of God** is more important than any other friendship on earth! (**Jn 15:14; 14:15; Jas 2:23**).

Conclusion: Jesus Paid it all When Died on the Cross for Our Sins in order to Provide Us the Way to Heaven. Is not Heaven Worth it all to you too?