General Session #6 - I will be Glorified
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I. Introduction.

II. You will be a new person in a new place – sainthood fully realized.

A. What can we know about the afterlife?
   Deut. 29:29, Heb. 11:10,13-16 13:14

B. When you die your soul will immediately be with the Lord in heaven.
   Luke 23:43, Phil. 1:23, 2 Cor. 5:8

   • Your body will sleep, awaiting the resurrection.
     1 Thess. 4:13

   • Your soul will be conscious and in the Lord’s presence.
     Luke 9:30ff, 16:19-31 23:43, Mt. 6:9 22:32, Phil. 1:21,23, 2 Cor. 5:8
     John 3:13, 6:38, Eph. 1:20

   • You will be like Christ -- sinless and incapable of sin.
     1 Jo. 3:2, 1 Co. 15:52, Rom. 8:29-30, Ezek. 36:26, Phil. 1:6, Eph. 1:4

   • All pain, death and sorrow will end.
     Rev. 21:4, Isa. 25:8

   • What else can we know (or infer) about the intermediate state?
     Lu. 16:19-31, 9:30-31, Rev. 6:9-11, 14:13, 1 Sam. 28:16-18, Mt. 22:32
     Heb. 12:23, Phil. 1:21,23, 2 Co. 5:6-9

C. When Christ returns your body will be raised and you will be fully glorified
   as you dwell with Him in the new heavens and the new earth.
   Is. 65:17, Rev. 21:1f, 1 Co. 15:51ff

   • The creation account is crucial to understanding what the new creation will be
     like – Christ came to restore what Adam lost.
     Gen. 3:8, 24, 1 Jo. 3:8, Rev. 22:2-3, 2:7, 21:3,22
• Your body will be raised and renewed.
  Job 19:25-27, 1 Th. 4:13-17, 2 Co. 5:2-4,8, 1 Co. 15:16-19, 22,25-26, 36-38, 53-57
  Phil. 3:20-21, 1 John 3:2, Rom. 8:29-30

• This present earth will be radically transformed and renewed.

• There will be no death, pain, sorrow, poverty, hunger, thirst, fear, crime
  Rev. 21:4,1-2,25 22:15,2 7:17, Isa. 25:8a

• The new creation will be our glorious home.

• God will dwell with us in the renewed earth.
  Rev. 21:1-3, 22:1, Gen. 3:8, Ezek. 27:27

• Do you long for God’s presence?
  Ps. 63:1, 42:1f, 27:4, 73:25, Mt. 5:8, John 1:14, 14:9, Rev. 22:4, 1 John 3:2

D. What will you do in heaven (the new earth)?

• You will find rest from the troubles of this world.
  Rev. 14:13 He. 4:10-11 Da. 12:13

• Heaven will be exciting, joyful, and fulfilling.
  Rev. 19:9,17 Ps. 16:11, Isa. 35:10

• You will give praise and glory to God along with multitudes from every tribe,
tongue and nation as you worship Him.
  Re. 5:13-14 7:9f

• You will never stop learning.
  Co. 3:18, 1 Cor. 13:12, Dan. 12:4, 1 Pet. 1:12

• You will serve Christ by working to express His dominion on the earth.
  Ge. 2:15, Re. 22:3, 7:15, Ps. 90:17, Eph. 2:10

• You will reign with Christ.
  1 Cor. 6:2-3, 15:22-25, Heb. 12:2, 8, 1:8, Ge. 1:26-28, Eph. 1:10
E. Summary: You will be a new person in a new world. Are you sure that when you die you will be in heaven?  
  

III. What we will be affects how we live now.

A. The application of eschatology (prophecy).

B. Spend time thinking about and desiring heaven.  
  *Col. 3:1ff, Heb. 11:16, Phil. 4:8*

C. The certain expectation of our heavenly destiny enables us to endure our present suffering.  
  *Rom. 8:18,35,38-39, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Heb. 11:16*

  - God’s people are suffering.  
    *Rev. 6:9-11 2:9, James 5:1ff, 1 John 3:1-2*

  - The Lord will bring justice to those who have persecuted His people.  
    *2 Th. 1:5-10, Ps. 73:3, 16-20, Rom. 12:19*

  - Our loss, shame and suffering will be replaced by the fullness of joy in glory.  
    *1 Pe. 4:13, Luke 18:29, John 14:1-2*

  - The hope of heaven enables us to endure to the end.  
    *2 Tim. 4:6-8*

D. The certain hope of our heavenly destiny motivates us to pursue holiness now.  
  *1 Jo. 3:1-2, Col. 3:1ff, 2 Thess. 1:11-12, 2 Pe. 3:13, Mt. 25:1-13*

  - We have been chosen and called to be holy.  
    *Eph. 1:3ff, 1 Pet. 1:15-16, 2:9-12, Ex. 19:6, Lev. 11:44, Deut. 7:6*

  - Meditation on heaven will empower you to put off sin and to put on righteousness.  
    *Col. 3:1-17*
- The expectation of being in the transforming presence of Christ motivates us to pursue purity.
  
  1 John 3:1-3, Col. 3:4, Mt. 5:8, Prov. 4:23, Mt. 5:8, Js. 1:27

- Devote your present life to enhancing your future happiness (treasure) in heaven.
  
  1 Co. 15:58, Mt. 6:20-21, 25:1ff, 2 Pet. 3:10-13, 1 Tim. 1:1-19, Rev. 14:13, 19:7-8

- Pray that God will produce lasting fruit through your life.
  
  Ps. 90:17

E. The realities of the afterlife motivate you to seek the salvation of the lost.


IV. Conclusion.