

LIFE IN HIM

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If we can focus our thoughts on Heaven more often, it will help us find comfort and purpose for today.

#1 There's a place for you in HEAVEN (1-4)

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

- Our belief in God sustains us when we're troubled by death.
- Heaven is described as a loving household and a spiritual family.
- Jesus is what makes Heaven 'the place to be' for us, and we make Heaven 'the place to be' for Him.

#2 There's only one way to HEAVEN (5-10)

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." ⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? ..."

- There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12)
- The way to Heaven is a person. Salvation is in a person. Christianity is Christ.
 - Jesus is the way in a world of distraction.
 - Jesus is the truth in a world of deception.
 - Jesus is the life in a world of dissatisfaction.
- The way to Heaven is exclusive, but everyone is invited.
- Philip expresses a universal desire to see God. The concept of the Trinity helps us see God accurately.

#3 There's work to be done before HEAVEN (12-13)

¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

- We're here on earth because there is work to be done (in our hearts, our families, our communities)
- Be confident that God wants to use you for "greater things"!
- "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)
- Our confidence that we'll succeed at those works is because Jesus promises to help us.
- The work starts in prayer: join the Community Prayer Day on 8/27 by texting "COMMUNITY" to (951)425-4425.

#4 There's a preview for us of HEAVEN (15-18; 23; 26-27)

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you...²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come

to them and make our home with them...²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- We preview Heaven when we obey Christ as our King.
 - This feels like Heaven because living for Christ is satisfying.
 - Pray: “*your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.*” (Matthew 6:10)
- We preview Heaven in relating to the Holy Spirit within us!
 - *When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance...* (Ephesians 1:13-14)
 - *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...* (Ephesians 4:30)
- We preview Heaven as we experience God’s peace.

Reminder: The Women’s Evening Bible Study on Priscilla Shirer’s book “The Armor of God” begins on 8/24. Cornerstone Moms is launching on 9/1 and also a new weekly Moms Prayer Meeting is starting on 9/20. Text “WOMEN” to (951)425-4425 for details.