

Lesson 3- “Won’t Heaven Be Boring?”

- Heaven will not be boring because:
 - God is not boring
 - Ps. 16:11 “You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”
 - You will not be boring
 - 1 Cor. 15:51-52 “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”
 - Your friends will not be boring
 - Hebrews 12:22-23 “But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect”
 - Your work will not be boring
 - Rev. 7:15 “Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.”
 - It is the place you’ve always longed for
 - Rom. 8:22-23 “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”¹
- **Accedia:** Often defined as boredom or sloth. One of the 8 deadly vices. Different from dejection, which results when a goal is impossible to achieve. Accedia however views the goal as achievable, but finds no desire or energy to do so.
- Who are you most looking forward to meeting in heaven and why?
- According to Matt. 25:21, what task will Christians be given upon entering into eternity?²
- According to Matt. 19:28, what job will the original disciples have when Christ returns to reign on earth?
- According to Rev. 4:4, how many elders did John see in his vision of heaven?
- Some have suggested that “24” symbolically represents believers from the Old and New Testament eras: 12 for the 12 Tribes of Israel and 12 for the 12 Disciples. Where else do you see them combined?
- **Randy Alcorn:** “What will it be like (in heaven) to perform a task, to build and create, knowing that what we’re doing will last forever?”³
 - Is there going to be continuity of the “works of our hands” between the Millennial Kingdom and the New Heaven/ New Earth? What about things now which survive/remain at the Bema Seat judgement?
- **Mark Buchanan:** “Yearning itself is healthy- a kind of compass inside us pointing us toward True North”⁴
- **CS Lewis:** “If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world”⁵
- **Question:** Alongside being with Jesus, what are you most looking forward to in heaven? Do you fervently and concretely think about this?

¹ David Jeremiah; *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven- Study Guide; Turning Point; 2009; p.37*

² Ibid; p. 47

³ Randy Alcorn; *Heaven; Tyndale House Publishers, 2004; p. 184*

⁴ Mark Buchanan; *Things Unseen; Multnomah; 2002*

⁵ CS Lewis; *Mere Christianity; Macmillan; p.120*