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(7 Facts About Heaven that May Surprise You)

Dear Friend:

All of us at one time or another have wondered what heaven will be like, what goes on "up there". Let me share 7 facts about heaven that may surprise you.

First Fact - Not everyone goes there when they die. To most of you that probably does not surprise you. Unless a person is a follower of Jesus Christ he/she cannot go to heaven (John 14:6). Second Fact -We will not become angels. I told my wife I am already an angel, she just laughed. Third Fact – We won't miss our old lives. The "upgrade" from earth to heaven will be so spectacular we will never want to go back. My Oldest brother used to fly 3-4 days a week. He flew first class a lot thanks to miles or preferred upgrade. Never once did he fly first class and wish he was back in the main cabin with us "common" folks. When you're in heaven you won't miss earth! Fourth Fact – You will be in heaven one second (or less) after you die. No purgatory, no "waiting in line". More about this on Sunday. Fifth Fact – We will recognize people in heaven. How will we recognize them? The Bible does not specifically explain the how, but it does speak about the fact that we will recognize others. Sixth Fact - You will have to work to do; no sitting around on a cloud eating strawberries and grapes! Again, the details are not in the scripture, but work was a part of the original perfect earth (Garden of Eden). Seventh Fact -You will be physically resurrected at a future time. Plenty of details on this in the Bible (See I Corinthians 15, Revelation 20 & 21, and John 5:28-29). At the end of this world, as Christ returns there will be the trumpet sound and our old body is resurrected as a new body. It is at this moment that our eternal soul and body come together, and we become residents of the new heaven and the new earth.

All this information is a lot to think about and I hope it helps the next time you ponder about heaven.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

<u>Prayer</u>: Melvin Burdette (shut-in), Persecuted Christians, An end to the Ukrainian war.

<u>Events</u>: Monday 9/11 – Management Team Meeting 7:00pm; Thursday, 9/21 – Women's Ministry 7:00pm; Sunday, 9/24 – A VERY important State-of-the-Church Congregational Meeting after Church