

# Heaven On Earth?

*“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” John 15:11, English Standard Version*

“Heaven” suggests that something is as \_\_\_\_\_ as it \_\_\_\_\_.

## Heaven As An Ideal Future Existence

- A. Does the Bible teach about an eternal home after this life?
1. John 14:1-3 – Jesus spoke of His \_\_\_\_\_’s \_\_\_\_\_, and how He would \_\_\_\_\_ again to \_\_\_\_\_ us there.
  2. 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17 – When Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ to meet Him in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Revelation 14:13 – Those who \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ from their labors and their works \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- B. Lewis: Nothing in this world can \_\_\_\_\_ us, so we can know we were \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ world.

## Experiences Of Heaven In This Life

- A. 2 Peter 1:3,4 – God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ through which we can become \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature.
- B. Tastes of heaven in this life:
1. John 15:10,11 – Those who \_\_\_\_\_ His commandments abide in His \_\_\_\_\_, and their joy is made \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Philippians 4:6,7 – In a world of fear and \_\_\_\_\_, Christians can enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ that passes \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Philippians 4:19 – We can enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ by knowing that God will \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Hebrews 13:5 – \_\_\_\_\_ will be with us in \_\_\_\_\_ - but He is in this life, too!
- C. When does eternal life begin?
1. 1 John 5:13 – By trusting in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ we can \_\_\_\_\_ we have eternal life.
  2. Colossians 1:13 – Christians have been \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Son.

Isaiah 55:1-3 – Why do we labor for what doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_.  
God invites us to delight ourselves in \_\_\_\_\_ food. Are we depriving ourselves of some of \_\_\_\_\_’s blessings in this life?

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