

Growth Assignment

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Is God Good? Heaven

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (I don't lack anything)

² *He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.*

³ *He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

⁴ *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

⁵ *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, My cup overflows.*

⁶ ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*** **Psalm 23: 1 – 6 (ESV)**

Living in the goodness of God includes recognizing that heaven is God's eternal goodness to you. What is heaven? Heaven is: (1) a physical place not a state of being, (2) a permanent place that'll last forever, and (3) a reserved place for only God's family. What will we do in heaven? In heaven, we will be reunited with those who love Jesus; we will be rewarded for our faith, hope & love; and we will be assigned work that we enjoy doing. How should I live on earth if I'm going to heaven? I should: (1) Remember my time here is temporary, (2) Recognize what's going to last and what won't last, (3) Reject the world's values and priorities, (4) Resist being detoured by temporary temptations, (5) Refuse to be discouraged by trouble, (6) Reach out to bring others to heaven too, and (7) Remind myself daily that heaven is waiting.

1. Read Revelation 21:22-27. When we think about what the Bible says heaven is not, we can be grateful to God. Make an A to Z list of everyday things that will not be in heaven that you are grateful won't be there. Have fun with this list – be creative!

Revelation 21: 27 (ESV)

...nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Luke 10: 20 (ESV)

Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

2. As members of God's family, we have a reserved place in his house – heaven. Read Revelation 21:27 and Luke 10:20 above. What do they say about your spot in heaven?