

WELCOME
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

WELCOME TO CEC..... Dan Kent
SINGING TOGETHER Open up the heavens
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER To be in your presence (this is my desire)
What a beautiful name
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SINGING TOGETHER All heaven declares
BIBLE READING John 13:31-14:6 (Church Bible page 1133)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER The Splendour of the King

DEATH
WHERE IS YOUR STING?

Death, where is your sting? ~8
What will our relationship to God be like in heaven?
John 13:31-14:6

'For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.' Philippians 1:21 NIV

'Even so, come Lord Jesus.' Revelation 22:20 KJV

1. We will be _____ Him.

1. We will have unhindered _____ with God.

'Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.' 1 John 1:3 NIV

2. We will be with _____.

'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.' John 17:24 NIV

"Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!" John 13:36-38 NIV

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 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.' John 14:1-3 NIV

3. We will be in the immediate _____ of God.

'We want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.' 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 NLT

'Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:1-4 NIV

2. We will _____ Him

'No one has ever seen God.' John 1:18 NIV

'Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.' 1 Peter 1:8 NIV

'God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see.'

1 Timothy 6:15-16 NIV

1. God reveals Himself as _____.

'He wraps himself in light as with a garment.' Psalm 104:2 NIV

'The glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.' Exodus 24:17 NIV

'For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.' Psalm 36:9 NIV

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.' Matthew 5:8 NIV

'As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?' Psalm 42:1-2 NIV

'No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. And they will see his face. And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them.'

Revelation 22:3-5 NLT

2. God reveals Himself with perfect _____.

'Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.'

1 Corinthians 13:12 NLT

'How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.' 1 John 3:1-2 NIV

'Because I am righteous, I will see you. When I awake, I will see you face to face and be satisfied.' Psalm 17:15 NLT



1. When you think of God, who or what do you think of? What picture of God comes into your mind?
2. How can Paul say what he says in Philippians 1:21? Can you say the same? Why or why not?
3. How does 1 John 1:3 define salvation?
4. What currently hinders our relationship and communion with God?
5. According to John 17:24 why does Christ long for us to be with Him?
6. What passages seem to contradict the assertion that we will see God in heaven? How can we explain those apparent contradictions?
7. What does it mean to see God with the mind's eye?
8. What will happen to believers when they see Jesus Christ (1 John 3:2)?
9. Explain what a believer's ultimate satisfaction should be (Psalm 17:15).

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