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WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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**Death, where is your sting? ~3**  
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**2 Corinthians 4:1-18**

*'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' 1 Corinthians 15:55 NIV*

**1. Develop a \_\_\_\_\_ for heaven.**

*'This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.' Matthew 6:9 NIV*

*'For Christ did not go into a Holy Place made by human hands, which was a copy of the real one. He went into heaven itself, where he now appears on our behalf in the presence of God.' Hebrews 9:24 TEV*

*'To the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.' Hebrews 12:23 NIV*

*'Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.' Luke 10:20*

*'But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Saviour.' Philippians 3:20 NIV*

*'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you.' 1 Peter 1:3-4 NIV*

*'Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.' Matthew 5:12 NIV*

*'If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.' 1 John 2:15 NIV*

**2. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ in light of heaven.**

*'We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.' 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 NLT*

*'That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.' 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT*

*'For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit. So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. For we live by believing and not by seeing. Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.' 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 NLT*

### 3. Learn to be \_\_\_\_\_ about heaven.

'I was caught up to the third heaven.' 2 Corinthians 12:2 NLT

#### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ heaven.

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven.' Isaiah 55:9-10 NIV

'He covers the heavens with clouds, provides rain for the earth, and makes the grass grow in mountain pastures.' Psalm 147:8 NLT

#### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ heaven.

'And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.'" Genesis 1:14-15 ESV

#### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ heaven.

'The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!' 1 Kings 8:27 NIV

'For this is what the high and lofty One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place."' Isaiah 57:15 NIV

'Look down from heaven and see from your lofty throne, holy and glorious.' Isaiah 63:15 NIV

'The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth.' Psalm 102:19 NIV

'In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16 NIV

'But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, "By heaven!" because heaven is God's throne. In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:34, 45 NLT

'Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.' Matthew 6:1 NLT

'This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven." Matthew 6:9 NIV

'If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.' Matthew 7:11, 21 NIV

'Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.' Matthew 10:32-33 NLT

'For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.' Matthew 12:50 NIV  
'See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.' Matthew 18:10, 19 NIV

'For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. I am the bread that came down from heaven. I came down from heaven. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.' John 6:33, 38, 41-42, 51 NIV

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

'We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.' Philippians 3:20 NLT

'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory.' John 17:24 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

'a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.' Hebrews 11:10 NLT

'We are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.' 2 Corinthians 5:8 NLT



1. How does living in a society of instant gratification and living a comfortable life on earth impact our desire to go to heaven?

2. Read 1 John 2:15. What is the danger this verse highlights? What can we do to avoid

this attitude?

3. Read Philippians 3:20. What does it mean to you that a Christian is a citizen of heaven?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18. What strikes you about Paul's attitude and perspective to life and the afterlife?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-8. What ways can you identify with Paul?

6. What are some of the ways that Christians can develop their desire for heaven?

7. Read 2 Corinthians 5:8. Can you say this? Why or why not?

8. List all the things you are looking forward to in heaven. Then spend time in prayer giving thanks to God that this is what awaits us.

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