

WELCOME
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

WELCOME TO CEC..... Robbie Matthews
SINGING TOGETHER The lion and the lamb
I stand amazed in the presence
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Revelation song
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER All heaven declares
BIBLE READING Revelation 4:1-11 (Church Bible page 1288)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER King of Kings (In the darkness we were waiting)

Death, where is your sting? ~4
Looking for heaven
Revelation 4:1-11

'The day you die is better than the day you are born.' Ecclesiastes 7:1 NLT

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

'No wonder my heart is filled with joy, and my mouth shouts his praises! My body rests in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your godly one to rot in the grave. You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.' Psalm 16:9-11 NLT

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42-43 NIV

'I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise.' 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 NIV

1. _____ is heaven?

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"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11 NIV

'For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.' 1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV

'Lord, I look up to You, up to heaven, where You rule.' Psalm 123:1 NIV

'Jesus took the five loaves and two fish and looked up toward heaven and He asked God's blessing on the food.' Mark 6:41 NIV

2. Heaven is _____.

'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.' Luke 23:43 NIV

'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.' 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NIV



'There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.' Revelation 6:12-14 NIV

'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.' Revelation 21:1-2 NIV

2. _____ is heaven like?

1. Heaven is _____.

Ezekiel 1:4-28

2. Heaven is _____.

'After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.' Revelation 4:1-3 NIV

'And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.' Revelation 4:3 NIV

'From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.' Revelation 4:5-6 NIV

'Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself.' Exodus 24:9-10 NIV

'Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.' Revelation 4:4 NIV

'In the centre, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."' Revelation 4:6-8 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. When you think of heaven, what do you think of? What image comes into your mind?
2. How is your view of heaven impacted by the media, movies, books etc? Why?
3. List all the things that make heaven precious to us?
4. Read Philippians 1:21, Psalm 16:9-11, Luke 23:42-43. These verses and others tell us that there is no intermediary state for believers. When a believer dies they go immediately straight to heaven. Discuss what this means. How would you argue this with someone who believes in soul sleep and why the Bible doesn't teach this?
5. According to the Bible, heaven is in what direction? Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Psalm 123:1. How then should we think of heaven's location?
6. Read or look up Ezekiel 1:4-28. How would you summarise what Ezekiel is trying to describe?
7. Read Revelation 4:1-3. How does this description make you feel about heaven?
8. Heaven is not a land of shadows and mists, see Revelation 4:5-6. Having read the descriptions of heaven, how would you describe it to others?

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