

**WELCOME**  
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

WELCOME TO CEC..... Bex Kent  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Praise him you heavens (Great in power)  
This is the Day that the Lord has made

PRAYER  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Abide with me (I have a home)  
UPDATES ..... Pastor Phill  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise  
BIBLE READING ..... Revelation 4:1-11 (Church Bible page 1288)  
MESSAGE ..... Taught by Pastor Phill  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Christ our hope in life and death



**Death, where is your sting? ~7**  
**What will our relationships with others be like in heaven?**  
**Revelation 4:1-11**

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

*'God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart.'*  
Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT

**1. Our relationship to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1. We will \_\_\_\_\_ with them.**

*'But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.'* Hebrews 12:22-23 NIV

*'Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.'* Hebrews 13:2 NIV

*'Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?'*  
Hebrews 1:14 NIV

**2. They will \_\_\_\_\_ over us.**

*'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.'* Luke 15:6 NIV

*'In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'* Luke 15:10 NIV

**3. We will join them in \_\_\_\_\_.**

*'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. Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the centre, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."'*  
Revelation 4:4-11 NIV

*'Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the*

elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!" Revelation 5:11-12 NIV

#### 4. We will be \_\_\_\_\_ by them.

'Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?' Hebrews 1:14 NIV

'To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.' Revelation 3:21 NIV

'To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?' Hebrews 1:3 NIV

### 2. Our relationship to our \_\_\_\_\_.

'What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—and his interests are divided.' 1 Corinthians 7:29-34 NIV

'That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and have children for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?" Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.'" Matthew 22:23-30 NIV

### 3. Our relationship to other \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 1. We will \_\_\_\_\_ we are now.

'Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people.' Genesis 25:8 NIV

'When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'" Luke 22:14-18 NIV

'I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.' Matthew 8:11 NIV

#### 2. We will \_\_\_\_\_ together.

'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. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.' 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 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, 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

'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.' Psalm 116:15 NIV



1. Explain what Ecclesiastes 3:11 is saying.
2. When you think of angels, what do you think of? How much is your view of angels impacted by non-biblical thinking?
3. What insight do the parables of Luke 15 give into the angels' attitude toward us.
4. In general, who do the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures in Revelation 4 represent? What picture does that give us of the worship in heaven?
5. What does Hebrews 1:14 explain about our relationship to angels?
6. What is the point Paul is making in 1 Corinthians 7:29-31?
7. What disagreement with the Pharisees sparked the Sadducees' question in Matthew 22:23-30? How do you feel about the answer Jesus gave?
8. Give scriptural support that our identities will be unchanged in heaven.
9. Will we be reunited with family and friends in heaven? Explain. (see 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)
10. Read Revelation 21:1-4. What kind of relationships will we have?



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