

How old will we be in heaven?

At both Men's Study and Sunday Morning Study, we've been taking a look at the book of Revelation. In Revelation, maybe more than in any other book of the Bible, God tells us about eternity - what we typically refer to as "heaven."

As we looked at the final four chapters of Revelation in Men's Study this past week, we were again reminded that all those who believe in Jesus will spend eternity living in our resurrected *physical* bodies. We will live in these perfectly-restored physical bodies on a perfectly-restored earth (not floating on clouds, strumming on harps)!

While we were talking about this eternal life on an earth that has been restored to its original "Garden of Eden" condition, the question above was posed.

Unfortunately, my answer was a simple, "I don't know." This is one of many things about heaven that we're curious about, but that God has not told us about. I could make a guess at an answer, but that's all it would be - a guess. So, we'd best leave it at "God knows. So we know it will be the perfect age, and we'll find out what that is when we get there."

What we found in Revelation is that God most often describes heaven not by telling us what *will* be there, but by letting us know *what will NOT be there*:

There will be no pain, tears, crying, death, mourning, sin, evil, evildoers or Satan. Nothing that causes fear or sadness!!!

Living, as we do, in a world that has been messed up by sin and Satan, it truly is hard to imagine a place with absolutely nothing but good. Yet that's exactly what eternity will be for those 'whose names are written in the Book of Life' through faith in Jesus who paid for all our sins!

One thing we do know for certain that will be in eternity: God! Physically and visibly present with His people - just like in the beginning in the Garden of Eden. That's something to look forward to - whatever age we will be!

Thanks for asking, Pastor David

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