

**Looking Forward to Heaven  
Part #1: "We're NOT There Yet!"**

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**Q – When you think of heaven, what comes to mind?**

*"When I was a boy, the thought of heaven used to frighten me more than the thought of hell. I pictured a place where time would be perpetual Sundays, from perpetual services from which there would be no escape."  
(David Lloyd George)*

**Q – Do you look forward to heaven?**

*"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in the world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."  
(C.S Lewis)*

Temporal heaven vs. Eternal Heaven  
Dallas or Santa Barbara  
(Dr. Randy Alcorn)

Text: Revelation 21:1-7

1. Heaven will be a place where there is no more **separation**. (V-1)

1. Heaven will be a place of **activity**. (V-2)

"We understand cities. Cities have buildings, culture, art, music, athletics, goods and services, events of all kinds. And, of course, cities have people engaged in activities, gatherings, conversations and work."  
(Dr. Randy Alcorn)

2. Heaven will be a place of **peace** and **joy**. (V-2)

3. Heaven will be 'saturated' with God's **presence**. (V-3)

4. Heaven will be a place where there is no more pain, hurt or **suffering**. (V-4)

5. Heaven will be a place where everything will be made **new**. (V-5)

6. Heaven will be a reward for those who reach out to God to **satisfy** their thirst. (V-6-7)

**But, we're not there yet; so in the meantime ...**

A. We live with **disappointment** and suffering.

B. We live with partial-**justice** and **insecurity**.

C. We live in the **fog**, but with **faith**.

Don't Quit – You're Not Far from the Shoreline  
(Dr. Randy Alcorn)