



But our citizenship is in Heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20

On Earth:

Every human seeks **transcendence**.

Things on Earth are not **the way they are supposed to be**.

As it is in Heaven:

In the Present Heaven, we will **be with Christ**.

The Present Heaven is not **the final destination**.

God will **restore** us and **His creation**.

In the New Heaven and New Earth, we will

Know **ourselves**.

Know **others**.

Know **God**.



Reason Down means...

- *We should set our minds on the things above before we set them on things below. Often we look around and project what we see here on Earth onto God and His Heaven; this is “reasoning up.”*
What do you set your mind on daily? Where do you look for transcendence?
- *God’s pattern is the real pattern; what we see here on Earth is a copy and a shadow of what is in Heaven, not the other way around.*
What are some examples of things here on Earth which are a “copy and a shadow” of what is in Heaven?
- *God created the Heavens and the Earth, and they were good; God will restore and reconcile us and His creation to Himself, not annihilate us and His creation.*
Read the description of the New Heaven and the New Earth found in Isaiah 60 and 65, and Revelation 21 and 22. Compare and contrast these descriptions with the world as you know it today.
- *God invented love, relationships, fathers and sons, animals, Heaven, fun, excitement, learning, fulfillment, and all the other good things here on Earth; anything good here on Earth will be wonderful in the New Heaven and the New Earth.*
What are the good things God has given you in your life? Which of these will carry over into the New Heaven and the New Earth? Will you use your gifts and talents in the New Heaven and New Earth?

Suggested reading on the topic of Heaven:

Heaven Observed by Barry Morrow

Heaven by Randy Alcorn