

**Heaven – Pt. 7**  
**Our Greatest Adventure**  
**Psalm 16:9 – 11**

**I. Intro**

**A. What we've seen in our study of Heaven:**

- i. **1** – What heaven will be like, what it will not be like; present (intermediate) heaven and the new heaven; being heavenly, eternity minded
- ii. **2** – What our heavenly bodies will be like; what life will be like in heaven and on the new earth; preparing in this life on earth for heaven
- iii. **3** – God's original intention for creation and mankind, and how new heaven, new earth is God restoring everything back to the way He originally intended
- iv. **4** – Reigning with Christ and working in heaven – have stuff to do but all done to the glory of God just as scripture tells us we are to do here on earth
- v. **5** – Physical characteristics of new earth; learning taking place – understanding more fully the characteristics of God such as love, grace, mercy
- vi. **6** – Reunited with loved ones, knowing our loved ones in heaven; marriage in heaven; people groups in heaven won't be worshiping Christ in just one way or just with certain people – it will truly genuinely be one body in Christ

**B. Tonight – life in heaven, on the new earth being the greatest adventure we will ever experience**

**C. READ Psalm 16:9 – 11**

**D. SHOW VIDEO**

**II. Joy, Pleasures in Heaven**

**A. Last verse of passage read: Psalm 16:11 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**B. When referring to heaven tonight, specifically referring to eternity**

**C. ASK: Will there be joy in heaven/eternity? What will be the source of that joy?**

**D. ASK: What kind of eternal pleasures do you think we'll experience other than the presence of God?**

**E. ASK: Will we experience pleasure in new creation? In relationships? In tasks we'll undertake? Yes, why? Because we'll always be surrounded by presence of God and His Son – God is omnipresent**

- F. **ASK:** Will there be disappointments in heaven/eternity? Heaven/eternity will never be boring
- G. **ASK:** Will we sing and make music in heaven/eternity? Will we dance? Will we laugh? Will we play - recreate?
- H. **ASK:** Will we tell stories in heaven/eternity? What about stories of what God/Christ is doing in eternity?
- I. **ASK:** Will there be art, drama, sports, entertainment in heaven/eternity?
- J. Important that people understand that heaven/eternity is not going to be some place where we're all just floating around, in some continuous state of transcendental worship; believe all the good things that we enjoy, do on this earth we'll still enjoy and do in eternity just on a more magnificent, unimaginable way; we'll know joy, pleasure in a way that we've never known before
- K. Alcorn quote: *"We can be genuinely excited about heaven ... that is part of being genuinely excited about God because heaven is God's home that He is preparing for us."*
- L. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)
  - <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

### III. Daily Future Focus

- A. **ASK:** What's going to be your focus for tomorrow?
- B. **READ Colossians 3:1 – 4**
- C. **ASK:** Why is it important that everyday we should be focused on heaven/eternity?
- D. **Illustration:** Telling a child that you're going to take them somewhere at end of the week, or few days down the road. **Question:** For the days leading up to going what is the child constantly thinking and talking about? - Grandkids going to aquarium