

What Will We Really Be Doing Throughout Eternity?

Proverbs 29:18 [NIV] *“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.”*

Without a clear vision of our future we cannot be excited about it and desire it above everything else in life, disciplining ourselves in order to be a part of that future.

A key to the answer to the question posed in the title of this study is found in the definition of eternal life given in God’s own words in the Christian Bible.

John 17:3 [NIV] *“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”*

There will never be a time that we know God completely, we would have to be God to do that.

But the Greek word translated “know” is also used for the intimate relationship between a husband and wife indicated what kind of relationship God wants to have with us.

Revelation 19:7-9 [NIV] *“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.’ (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: “Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!”’ And he added, ‘These are the true words of God.’”*

The saints [the Christian church] are to enter into a marriage relationship with their Saviour Jesus Christ.

God from the beginning of His creation desired the marriage union to be fruitful.

Genesis 1:28 [NIV] *“God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’”*

The intimate relationship of Christ and the Church will be no exception.

Revelation 20:11-13 [NIV] *“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.”*

Here we see that all who had ever lived without ever knowing God or Christ as their Saviour are brought back into physical life to be given the chance to enter the Kingdom of God, the created family of God.

The job of teaching these billions of humans will be given to Christ and His bride the Church.

Revelation 5:8-10 [NIV] *“And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God*

from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.’”

Those who accept the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God are to become priests to serve as the link between God and humans.

What sort of future world will all these people be able to live in?

Isaiah 51:15-16 [Amplified Bible] *“For I am the Lord your God ... and I have put My words into your mouth ... that I may fix the **new** heavens as a tabernacle and lay the foundation of a **new** earth, and say to Zion, ‘you are My people.’”*

Revelation 21:1-7 [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.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.’”*

Here is the new heaven on earth, created by and for the Christ, His bride, and all their offspring.

Is this the end of what we do for eternity?

Isaiah 9:6-7 [NIV] *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.** He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”*

This indicates that there will be no end to the expansion of Christ’s rulership.

In **Isaiah 51:16** it referred to **heavens** in plural yet in **Revelation 21:1** the **heaven** was only singular!

Could this hint that at some use is going to be made in the future of all the galaxies of stars with their planets?

1 Corinthians 2:9 [NIV] *“However, as it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him,’”*

No-one knows fully what eternity holds for God’s created children but the little He has revealed makes me desire it beyond anything that this society may offer me.

How about you?