



But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor 2:9

**TAPIOLA
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NEWSLETTER
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Do you wonder what heaven will be like? Most of us do, especially those who have received the grace to repent and believe in Jesus Christ and His wonderful promises. The prospect of going to heaven is then a lively hope and not just a vain one. The Bible speaks much of heaven, it's beauty and divine nature, and it's meaning for us. In Rev 21: 18,19 we see a description of heaven, **And the building of the wall was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones ...** In Luke 6:23 it tells of our joy there. **Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven ..**Our reward is not for the things WE have done, but what Jesus has done for us so that we have been able to believe in him and his work of redemption.

We know that when we die, our body goes to the grave, and according to scripture, our soul if it has been redeemed, goes to paradise, a place of rest. Just as the repentant sinner on the cross, assured of by Christ himself, went to paradise. **And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with me in paradise.** Luke 23:43. Sadly, not so for the unredeemed soul that will go to a terrible habitation.

Then on the last day, the Day of the Lord , our redeemed soul shall be reunited with our body which the Lord will resurrect from the grave in a new and incorruptible state. **So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.** 1 Cor 15:42.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 6th	Ken Storm	11:00 AM	Holy Communion
May 13th	Chuck Korhonen	11:00 AM	
May 20th	Ken Storm	11:00 AM	Chad Kuivanen Med Care 2:00PM
May 27th	Chad Kuivanen	11:00 AM	

Both our body and soul have been snatched from eternal death. We will then witness, along with everyone, both the redeemed and the lost, the coming of the Lord in all His Glory and see the New Jerusalem descending from heaven. This New Jerusalem is our place of heavenly residence in the Lord's New Heavens and Earth as it relates in Rev 21:1-3, **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.** What a wonder!

The Lord reveals all this to us for our spiritual comfort already here in this life. However, there are many things which we do not understand. We may wonder whether we will be known by others in heaven and whether we will recognize others by the identities we knew in this life. It seems clear from various biblical accounts that we will indeed be known, and recognize our redeemed friends, relatives, and special loved ones in the Lord as well as many other saints. **And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.** Matt 8:11. Also in Isaiah 66:22, **For as the new heavens and earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.** Many other things which we now cannot understand will be revealed. In this blessed condition we will be able to praise and honor our Lord and Savior throughout all eternity without the doubts, fears and tribulations we face in this life.

We can be so thankful for the blessed future the Lord has provided for those that love him. May we continue to praise Him each day unto eternity. Amen

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