General Session #6 - I will be Glorified Dr. Jim Newheiser

- I. Introduction.
- II. You will be a new person in a new place sainthood fully realized.
- A. What can we know about the afterlife? *Deut.* 29:29, *Heb.* 11:10,13-16 13:14
- B. When you die your soul will immediately be with the Lord in heaven. *Luke* 23:43, *Phil.* 1:23, 2 *Cor.* 5:8
- Your body will sleep, awaiting the resurrection. *1 Thess.* 4:13
- Your soul will be conscious and in the Lord's presence.

 **Luke 9:30ff, 16:19-31 23:43, Mt. 6:9 22:32, Phil. 1:21,23, 2 Cor. 5:8

 **John 3:13, 6:38, Eph. 1:20
- You will be like Christ -- sinless and incapable of sin. 1 Jo. 3:2, 1 Co. 15:52, Rom. 8:29-30, Ezek. 36:26, Phil. 1:6, Eph. 1:4
- All pain, death and sorrow will end. *Rev.* 21:4, *Isa.* 25:8
- What else can we know (or infer) about the intermediate state? Lu. 16:19-31, 9:30-31, Rev. 6:9-11, 14:13, 1 Sam. 28:16-18, Mt. 22:32 Heb. 12:23, Phil. 1:21,23, 2 Co. 5:6-9
- C. When Christ returns your body will be raised and you will be fully glorified as you dwell with Him in the new heavens and the new earth.

 Is. 65:17, Rev. 21:1f, 1 Co. 15:51ff
- The creation account is crucial to understanding what the new creation will be like Christ came to restore what Adam lost.

 Gen. 3:8, 24, 1 Jo. 3:8, Rev. 22:2-3, 2:7, 21:3,22

- Your body will be raised and renewed. *Job* 19:25-27, 1 *Th.* 4:13-17, 2 *Co.* 5:2-4,8, *I Co.* 15:16-19, 22,25-26, 36-38, 53-57 *Phil.* 3:20-21, 1 *John* 3:2, *Rom.* 8:29-30
- This present earth will be radically transformed and renewed. *Acts* 3:21, *Ro.* 8:19-23, *Isa.* 65:17, 35:1-10, 66:22, *Ezek.* 36:35, *Rev.* 21:5, 2 *Pet.* 3:10
- There will be no death, pain, sorrow, poverty, hunger, thirst, fear, crime *Rev.* 21:4,1-2,25 22:15,2 7:17, *Isa.* 25:8*a*
- The new creation will be our glorious home. *Heb.* 11:10,16 13:14 *Rev.* 7:9 21:16 *John* 14:1-2
- God will dwell with us in the renewed earth. *Rev.* 21:1-3, 22:1, *Gen.* 3:8, *Ezek.* 27:27
- Do you long for God's presence?
 Ps. 63:1, 42:1f, 27:4, 73:25, Mt. 5:8, John 1:14, 14:9, Rev. 22:4, 1 John 3:2

D. What will you do in heaven (the new earth)?

- You will find rest from the troubles of this world. *Rev.* 14:13 *He.* 4:10-11 *Da.* 12:13
- Heaven will be exciting, joyful, and fulfilling. *Rev.* 19:9,17 *Ps.* 16:11, *Isa.* 35:10
- You will give praise and glory to God along with multitudes from every tribe, tongue and nation as you worship Him.
 Re. 5:13-14 7:9f
- You will never stop learning. *Co.* 3:18, 1 Cor. 13:12, Dan. 12:4, 1 Pet. 1:12
- You will serve Christ by working to express His dominion on the earth. *Ge.* 2:15, *Re.* 22:3, 7:15, *Ps.* 90:17, *Eph.* 2:10
- You will reign with Christ. *Rev.* 22:5,1, 1:5, 11:15, 19:16, *Isa.* 9:10, *Lu.* 1:32-33, 19:17, 22:29-30 1 *Cor.* 6:2-3, 15:22-25, *Heb.* 12:2, 1:8, *Ge.* 1:26-28, *Eph.* 1:10

E. Summary: You will be a new person in a new world. Are you sure that when you die you will be in heaven?

Luke 23:39-43, John 3:16 14:6

- III. What we will be affects how we live now.
- A. The application of eschatology (prophecy).
- B. Spend time thinking about and desiring heaven. *Col.* 3:1ff, *Heb.* 11:16, *Phil.* 4:8
- C. The certain expectation of our heavenly destiny enables us to endure our present suffering.

Rom. 8:18,35,38-39, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Heb. 11:16

- God's people are suffering. *Rev. 6:9-11 2:9, James 5:1ff, 1 John 3:1-2*
- The Lord will bring justice to those who have persecuted His people. 2 *Th.* 1:5-10, *Ps.* 73:3, 16-20, *Rom.* 12:19
- Our loss, shame and suffering will be replaced by the fullness of joy in glory. *1 Pe. 4:13, Luke 18:29, John 14:1-2*
- The hope of heaven enables us to endure to the end. 2 *Tim.* 4:6-8
- D. The certain hope of our heavenly destiny motivates us to pursue holiness now. 1 Jo. 3:1-2, Col. 3:1ff, 2 Thess. 1:11-12, 2 Pe. 3:13, Mt. 25:1-13
- We have been chosen and called to be holy. *Eph.* 1:3ff, 1 Pet. 1:15-16, 2:9-12, Ex. 19:6, Lev. 11:44, Deut. 7:6
- Meditation on heaven will empower you to put off sin and to put on righteousness. *Col.* 3:1-17

• The expectation of being in the transforming presence of Christ motivates us to pursue purity.

1 John 3:1-3, Col. 3:4, Mt. 5:8, Prov. 4:23, Mt. 5:8, Js. 1:27

- Devote your present life to enhancing your future happiness (treasure) in heaven. 1 Co. 15:58, Mt. 6:20-21, 25:1ff, 2 Pet. 3:10-13, 1 Tim. 1:1-19, Rev. 14:13, 19:7-8
- Pray that God will produce lasting fruit through your life. *Ps.* 90:17
- E. The realities of the afterlife motivate you to seek the salvation of the lost. *Luke* 16:27-28
- IV. Conclusion. *Rev.* 22:17, *Luke* 10:20