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REASONS FOR WANTING TO GO TO HEAVEN

(Revelation 22:1 – 7)

INTRODUCTION

We often make recommendations: restaurants, movies, vacation places, cars, ...

When it comes to heaven, we have a "travel brochure" from God (the Bible) to convince us that it is a place where we should want to go.

1. BECAUSE I WANT TO BE WITH LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED

(Genesis 25:8) "Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people"

"Gathered to his people" is also stated in: (Gen. 25:17, 35:29, 49:33; Numbers 20:24, 27:12-13)

(2 Samuel 12:22-23) "... I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me"

(1 Thessalonians 4:14) "... even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus"

2. BECAUSE I WANT TO BE FREE FROM ANY FEAR OF DEATH

(Revelation 21:4) "... there shall be no more death ..."

(Psalm 23:4) "... through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil ..."

No more funeral planning and funerals and no more hillsides marked with tombstones.

3. BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE GOD

(Revelation 21:3) "... God Himself will be with them and be their God"

(John 14:1-6) (v3) "... that where I am, there you may be also."

4. BECAUSE I WANT TO BE FREE OF "FORMER THINGS"

(Revelation 21:4) "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

5. BECAUSE I WANT TO RECEIVE MY INHERITANCE

(1 Peter 1:9) "receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls"

(1 Peter 1:3-4) "to an inheritance incorruptible ... reserved in heaven for you"

Mansion - (John 14:2-3)

Robe - (Revelation 6:11, 7:9 and v13-14)

Crown - (1 Thess. 2:19) "crown of rejoicing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8) "crown of righteousness"

(1 Peter 5:4) "crown of glory" (James 1:12) "the crown of life"

CLOSE: You want to go to heaven, too, right?