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Turn in your Bibles to *John 14:1-6*:

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. ⁴ And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. ⁵ Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. *John 14:1-6*

I. HEAVEN IS A HAPPY HOME

1. It is a place of no sorrow: Revelation 21:4:

⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. *Revelation 21:4*

2. It is a place of no sin. Revelation 21:27:

²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. *Revelation 21:27*

3. It is a place of rest from labors. Revelation 14:13:

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. *Revelation 14:13*

II. HEAVEN IS AN INHABITED HOME

1. Heaven is inhabited by God the Father; Mark 11 :25-26:

²⁵ And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. *Mark 11:25-26*

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2. Heaven is inhabited by Christ; Hebrews 8:1; Acts 7:55:

¹ Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; *Hebrews 8:1*

⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, *Acts 7:55*

3. Heaven is inhabited by the Redeemed. Revelation 5:9:

⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; *Revelation 5:9*

III. HEAVEN IS A DESIRED HOME

1. Because our names are written there. Luke 10:20:

²⁰ Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. *Luke 10:20*

2. Because our inheritance is there. 1 Peter 1:4:

⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, *1 Peter 1:4*

3. Because we will be united with Christ. 1 Thessalonians 4:17

¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. *1 Thessalonians 4:17*

IV. HEAVEN IS AN ETERNAL HOME

1. It is an eternal home for believers; 2 Corinthians 5:1:

¹ For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. *2 Corinthians 5:1*

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2. It is a home of eternal occupation; Revelation 22:3-4:

³ And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: ⁴ And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. *Revelation 22:3-4*

3. It is a home of eternal beauty; Revelation 21:2:

² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. *Revelation 21:2*

V. HEAVEN IS A PERFECT HOME

1. It is free from the wicked. Galatians 5:21:

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. *Galatians 5:21*

2 It is free from the unclean. Ephesians 5:5:

⁵For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. *Ephesians 5:5*

3. It will be marvelous in nature. 1 Corinthians 2:9:

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

VI. HEAVEN IS A PREPARED HOME

1. It is a place prepared by Jesus. John 14:2:

²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. *John 14:2*

2. It is a city prepared by God. Hebrews 11:8-10:

⁸By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after

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receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. *Hebrews 11:8-10*

3. It is a place for prepared people. Revelation 21:27:

²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. *Revelation 21:27*

VII. HEAVEN IS AN ACCESSIBLE HOME

1. Heaven is accessible by Christ. John 14:6:

⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. *John 14:6*

2. Heaven is accessible by faith. Hebrews 11:6:

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. *Hebrews 11:6*

3. Heaven is accessible by conversion. Matthew 18:3:

³ And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 18:3*

CONCLUSION: HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO HEAVEN

1. Because the Bible says you are. 1 John 5:13:

¹³ These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. *1 John 5:13*

2. Because the Spirit is your witness. Romans 8:16:

¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: *Romans 8:16*

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3. Because the life you now live. *2 Corinthians 5:17*:

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

THESE THREE PROOFS GIVE ASSURANCE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN JOHN 3:3-7:

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. *John 3:3-7*