

# I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in Heaven for you.” – 1 Peter 1:3*

## Three Reasons to Focus on Heaven:

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*“Do not love the world, or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, then the love of the Father is not in him. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.” – 1 John 2:15, 17*

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*“You have this living hope through the resurrection of Christ. You have an inheritance that can never fade, kept in heaven for you. In this you greatly rejoice. Though now for a little while, you may have to suffer grief and all kinds of trials.” – 1 Peter 1:4*

*“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who lives in you.” – Rom. 8:11*

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*“God has set eternity in the heart.” – Ecclesiastes 3:11*

*“As the deer pants for a stream of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.” – Psalm 42:1*

*“We groan. Longing to be clothed with our Heavenly dwelling.” – 2 Corinthians 5:2*

*“Man doesn’t live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” – Mt. 4:4*

*“Set your heart on things above.” – Colossians 3:2*

*“I will tell you this, to depart and be with the Lord is better by far than staying here.” – Philipians 1:23*

## Things that will be in Heaven:

### God the creator will be there.

*“I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men and he will live with them and they will be his people and God himself will be with them and will be their God.’” – Revelation 21:3*

### Relief and healing will be there.

*“He will wipe away 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.” – Revelation 21:4*

### Worship and inspiration will be there.

*“We will fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.” – Revelation 4:10*

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*“Didn’t our heart burn within us when he opened to us the scriptures and taught us about God?”*  
– Luke 24:32

**Loved ones and relatives will be there.**

*“After this, I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count.”* – Revelation 7:9

*“Today, you will be with me in paradise.”* – Luke 23:43

**Rewards and praise will be there.**

*“For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.”* – Matthew 16:27

*“fire will test the quality of each man’s work. If what he has built survives, than he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping the flames.”* – 1 Corinthians 3:13

**Study and learning will be there.**

*“God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the Heavenly realms in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace.”* – Ephesians 2:6

**Show – to reveal in an ongoing progressive way.**

*“Even the angels longed to look into these things.”* – 1 Peter 1:12

**Beauty and travel will be there.**

*“I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from God prepared as a bride, beautifully dressed for her husband.”* – Revelation 21:2

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things God has prepared for those that love Him.”* – 1 Corinthians 2:9

**Work and accomplishment will be there.**

*“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will serve him.”* – Revelation 22:3

**Joy and laughter will be there.**

*“Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are weak now for you will laugh.”* – Luke 6:21

*“A merry heart does good like a medicine.”* – Proverbs 17:22

**Activities and adventure will be there.**

*“in my Father’s house, there are many rooms.”* – John 14:2

**Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?**

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