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What Will Heaven On The New Earth Be Like?

1. After Christ returns, the present heaven and earth will pass away and God will create a new heaven and a new earth. Eternity with God will be spent on the new earth. (Revelation 21:1-3)

Will this be a new physical earth?

- A. Notice some of the physical references used to describe Heaven relocated on the new earth.
 - There will be a city and God's throne (21:2-3)
 - The city will have high walls, gates. The foundations for the walls were measured by human measurements (21:12-17)
 - The city, the walls, and the gates will be made of physical metals (gold) and precious jewels (jasper, sapphire, pearl, etc.) (21:18-21)
 - People will still be part of nations and there will be kings. (21:23-26)
 - There will be the River of Life and the Tree of Life that will bear fruit for us to eat. (22:1-2)
- B. To be human means to be both body and spirit. (Genesis 2:7)

- C. We will have resurrected bodies when we spend eternity on the new earth. Our bodies will be like Christ's resurrected body. (Phil. 3:18-21; 1John 3:1-3; 1Cor. 15:49, 50-53)

Christ's resurrected body: (Luke 24:13-53)

- He walked and talked (15)
- He worked with his hands (30)
- He disappeared and appeared (31, 36)
- He looked like himself (scars, etc.) (39)
- They could touch him (flesh, bones) (39)
- He ate food (42-43)
- He was taken up into Heaven (51)

The new earth will be a real, tangible, physical place where both the physical (imperishable, immortal) and the spiritual coexist perfectly.

After teaching them about the resurrection of the body, Paul said... *therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)*