

way you know."

Also, our treasures in Heaven will be that of a new body; a spiritual body. In this world, one can only dream of a place where one will never grow old, and not have physical ailments to deal with the rest of one's life.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

"But someone will say, 'How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?' Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain- perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body."

1 Corinthians 15:50-55

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

Also, as faithful Christians, our treasures in Heaven will include never experiencing the emotions of sorrow or grief as we find on this earth. There will be no more death. There will be no more pain "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev. 21:4-5) In Heaven, the ones who are saved will sing and praise God for ever and ever, and will always be in the presence of our God and Savior.

You see, as faithful Christians our treasures should be in Heaven when our time is at hand to be with our God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our treasure will be to live with God where there will be no more pain or death, or worries that this life. Our treasure will be to have a new body where age will not affect our health and there will be no sickness to affect to affect our lives.

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."

Our greatest treasure will be to stand in the presence of God and Jesus for ever and ever; always praising God and giving Him the glory that He deserves. Being in Heaven is worth more than all the money and precious metals that this world has to offer. As faithful Christians our true treasure will be dwelling with God and our Lord and Savior for eternity; and trust me that means a lot to me.

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"Treasures in Heaven"

Today we live in a society in which from the first day we start to make a paycheck to the day we retire from the work force our lives are centered around money and our possessions in this life. When we start our careers in life we want to make as much money as we can and to move up that corporate ladder so that we can live a comfortable life with our family. When we get married and start having children, we want a good home to live in with nice furniture so that we can live comfortably. We want at least two reliable vehicles in our garage. But before we know it, time will pass us by and it will be time for us to retire from the work force and have to live on what we have put back into retirement for the remaining days of our life. Isn't it funny that when we are young we tend to focus on the glitter that this world has to offer us? We focus on the nice clothing we wear, the nice red G.M.C. vehicle we drive, the video games we play, and the cell phones we just have to have. We want computers in our homes and the latest electronic toys we think we need to have. With all of these material things that we have, they seem to become the treasure of our lives. But you know when we focus on all these things that this world has to offer we tend to lose sight of our treasures in Heaven that await us when we get there, if we stay true to God. Many of us today have been working

for a good many years and we know that everything that we buy will wear out, or break, or fall apart when the warranty runs out. We also know that sooner or later we will have to replace everything we buy because the items we purchase will wear out. We can take very good care of our clothing, but in due time it will wear out. The vehicles we buy will run well for a good many years if we take care of them but in due time they will start to fall apart due to age and the wear and tear they have to go through during the years. When we buy a brand new home there is little maintenance and the plumbing works well. But after many years of use and abuse the house will need paint and the roof will need to be replaced. The plumbing will start to give us problems; and the doors and the windows will not shut as they should. You see, everything on this earth will wear out when it starts to get some age on it. When we buy all of these nice things, do we have a tendency to put our confidence and our hopes in the material things that we acquire in this life? You see, God has blessed all of us in this country with many material blessings. We have everything at our fingertips. We enjoy not only the necessities, but also many of the luxuries such as cable TV, the internet, and the latest appliances - all of the good stuff one would ever need or want.

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

As a Christian, there is nothing wrong with having all these nice things I just talked about. But the question is that as Christians, have we lost sight of Heaven and all the glory that awaits us when we get there? A lot of the time, as Christians, we get tunnel vision on the physical and lose sight of the spiritual side of life.

I Timothy 6:6-10

"Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

All of us as Christians know that this world is not our home because in the end this world will be destroyed with fire. (II Peter 3:10-13) Our desire should be for our real home with God, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in Heaven when we leave this world. You see, Heaven is the real treasure that all of us should desire. So what treasures await us as faithful Christians in Heaven when we get there? First of all, God Himself will be with us in Heaven; we will be in the presence of God.

Revelation 21:1-4
"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first

earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, " Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 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."

Revelation 21:22-27

"But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need for the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there.) And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

Our treasure will also be an eternal life with no more death, nor sadness. There will be no more pain or the hate that this world has to offer. Satan will never be able to tempt any-

one to sin because he will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone forever. (Rev. 20:10) You see, to be in the presence of God and His Son is a treasure that we as Christians can only long for till we pass from this world into eternal life. As faithful Christians, our heavenly treasure includes never-ending fellowship with God and his Son in Heaven; where we will be illuminated with the glory of God and the Lamb. (Revelation 21)

Revelation 22:2-5

"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. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light if the sun, for the lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."

Nothing in the world can even be compared with the beauty and glory of Heaven that awaits those who stand firm and hold to an unwavering faith.

Yes, our treasure in Heaven is a place prepared for all those who follow Jesus and keep the faith to the very end. (Rev. 2:10) **John 14:1-4 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 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, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the**