

The Cross and Crown

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I love Philadelphia!

I know that not everyone agrees with my opinion. To some, the city is too big. Others, believe it or not, think it's too small. Some find the winters too cold, and others find the summers too hot. And some people simply can't imagine living anywhere else than where they currently live.

It kind of makes you wonder what Heaven will be like. What's paradise to you may not be paradise to me. I remember talking to a friend of mine's mother about how much I love really hot, really humid weather, and she pointed out that Heaven isn't the hot place!

I'm pretty sure that I won't be cold in Heaven and that my friend's mother won't be hot. However, it's not really about the climate, is it? It's not about the living arrangements, or the pearly gates or the streets of gold. The most important thing is that we'll be in the presence of God!



Family Night Ministry at Resurrection Life Church

When Isaiah saw the Lord in his temple, he noticed seraphs above God's throne, calling out to one another, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty!" In revelation, John points out that the living creatures there never stop that refrain, day or night! That's what Heaven will be like – a place of constant praise to God and his glory!

Heaven, in a nutshell, is being in God's presence, and, as children of God, we can get a foretaste of that here on earth.

Indeed, as God's children, we *should* be living in his presence here on earth. If we are, we will be bearing the fruit of love, joy, peace and patience. If we find that we're resentful, critical, restless or easily offended – on the job, in our living arrangements or marital status or in the city where we live – we need to ask ourselves, "Am I living in God's presence?" Get that right, and you'll be amazed how quickly everything else falls into place.

What matters where on earth we dwell? On mountain top, or in the dell, In cottage, or a mansion fair, Where Jesus is, 'tis heaven there. Charles J. Butler

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Thanks for Praying!

We can tell you're praying, because God is moving! We are so grateful for all that he's doing among us, in response to your prayers!

Please join us in praying

- for the moms and young children who have recently begun fellowshipping with us,
- for those in our congregation participating in the baptism and membership classes,
- for summer ministries and the young people in our neighborhood, and
- for serious health needs in our church family.

We're praying with you!

If you're on our mailing list*, you're on our prayer list! If there's anything specific that we can join you in praying about, please let us know.

We love hearing from you! Please do keep in touch!

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If you'd rather receive this letter via e-mail, please let us know!

Did you know?

Manhattan has a population density of about 75,000 people per square mile. If the state of Texas had the same population density, it could accommodate over 20 billion people – over twice the population of the entire world.

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

(Psalm 103:12)

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