

P202 GRACE NOTES RADIO PROGRAM
TITLE: HEAVEN – part 1
What it isn't
SONGS: UNCLOUDED DAY
WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE

KEV: Welcome to Grace Notes. We're in the studio now where the Sandbek family is in the middle of a discussion on our next topic – Heaven. Want to join in? OK, then, let's see what's on their mind.

BARB: So, what do you think Heaven's gonna be like?

DALE No more alarm clocks waking ME up at 5AM

BARB: That's right....there's no time there.

KEV: True...but there'll be time for everything & everybody!

DALE: That's a neat thought.

KEV: How about you, Grandma, what are you looking forward to?

**G-MA: No aches and pains – no problems...
We'll see our loved ones there.**

BARB: Yeah....Pops and my dad and grandma...

**DALE: How about this one....NO taxes and NO bills.
Can't wait to get there!**

**BARB: I thought of this the other day.
There'll be no solos in Heaven.
We'll all sing on key in one accord.**

G-MA: Even I'll be able to sing.

BARB: And I'll be able to whistle like you...

**KEV: There'll be NO SIN...we won't have to deal with
temptation.**

BARB: Speaking of temptation...I can eat what I want.
No diets...No need for exercise
and I'm sure there'll be plenty of chocolate(laugh)

DALE: ...and Blue channel crabs...(laugh)

BARB: Where? In the Crystal sea.. (laugh)

DALE: NO sickness...no sorrow...no fear of tomorrow.

KEV: Sounds like a poem to me!

DALE: Well, the best thing will be seeing Jesus...face to face!

BARB: And with real eyes, rather than faith eyes.

KEV: Speaking of faith...we won't need it there...

We won't even have to pray..

we can just talk directly to God.

G-MA: We can hear Old Testament stories from authors like
Moses and Abraham. They'll be able to tell us things
we always wondered about.

KEV: Think we can get a room next to one of them in our
Father's mansion?

DALE: Maybe. Can you imagine what it'll look like?
Jesus has been working on it for over 2000 years.

KEV: Makes you want to go there, doesn't it.
How about sharing some Heaven songs and some
Scripture about Heaven with us, Barb.

BARB: Sure, I'd be glad to. I recorded this song on my last CD
because it makes me happy, and also reminds me to keep
my focus in the right place...planning for my better day!

*** MAKING PLANS *** 2:46

I'm there positionally for sure!

Someone said that there is more written in the Bible about Hell

than there is about Heaven, because if we really knew what it was like, we wouldn't be satisfied to be here.

One thing we know for sure though, is that there is a Heaven. Jesus Himself assured us of that. He said repeatedly in John Chapter 14 that He was going to the Father. And in teaching His disciples how to pray, He began His model prayer with...

“Our Father, which art in HEAVEN”.

We know, too, that Jesus wants us to go there. When the disciples questioned where He was going, Jesus said that where He was going they couldn't follow, but would follow later. He then continued with His comforting promise recorded in John 14:1-3...

“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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there you may be also.”

Jesus assured them, and us, that there is a way, in fact only one way to enter Heaven and there is a choice to make on our part. When the apostle Thomas said...

”Lord, we don't know where you are going so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the Way, The TRUTH and the LIFE. NO man comes to the Father except by Me!”

I bought a Gospel tract the other day that had on the front the message...

‘Guaranteed...No more electric bills, no mortgage payment, no insurance’.

On the inside was the plan of Salvation...the way to Heaven. I left it for the waitress at a restaurant with a tip inside. As we were paying the bill, I looked over to see the lady who was now occupying the booth take the money out, place it on the table and put the tract inside her purse. I smiled. It seems that everybody wants the ‘no more ofs’ – that's why the tract was so inviting. But there's so much more to Heaven than just what we won't have to put up with.

Lets see, first, what some of the things are that will be changed when Jesus comes to take His Followers to Heaven.

2 Peter 3:13 says...in keeping with His promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of RIGHTEOUSNESS..

We won't have to deal with SIN anymore! When we accept Jesus as the Way, we're immediately freed from the penalty and the power of sin. When we enter Heaven, we're free from the very PRESENCE of sin.

In Revelation 21:1-2 the apostle John wrote...

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying...

“Now the dwelling of God is with man and He will live with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. 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”.

We won't be sad ever again. And, we won't be parted from our Father, our Creator anymore – we can talk to Him directly.

In Jesus' priestly prayer recorded in John 17:17 he said...

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.”

We'll be in the very presence of Christ and be able to SEE His Glory, the Glory He left in Heaven when He came to earth to be with us, and received back again when He ascended.

1 Corinthians 13:12 says...Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

In Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthian church, Chapter 4, verse 14,

**He described the Glory we'll receive that sin had taken from us...
"Because we know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus from the
dead will also raise us up with Jesus and present us with you in His
presence" Verse 17 continues..."For our light and momentary troubles
are achieving for us an ETERNAL GLORY that far outweighs them all.
So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For
what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."**

**I've heard it said that man can live without anything except hope.
For the Believer, God has granted us a glimpse into the eternal
to give us hope to carry our cross until He comes again.**

**I say to you, today, do you have this hope? You can. Jesus is the
WAY to the Father. All you need to do is pray this prayer...**

God in heaven...I have sinned against you.

**I know I can't come to you any other way than through your Son,
Jesus.**

**I believe that He died for me, shed his blood to cover my sin
and rose again to save me.**

I ask Him to come into my life & be my Savior & Lord. AMEN.

**I'd like to close now with a song of hope for all of you who have prayed
this prayer...**

***** WHAT A DAY *** 3:24**

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