

WHAT A COUNTRY!

VI. THE WONDER THAT HEAVEN IS OPEN TO FOREIGN IMMIGRATION!

- A. You cannot get in unless you are an adopted child of God!
- B. Naturalization papers are not accepted. *“The way of the cross leads home!”*
- C. 1/3 of all church goers believe that all *“good”* people will go to Heaven, no matter what their religion, with or without Christ!

Story: *“I’ll just go in!”*

Folks, it will not be Peter that meets us at the gate! It will be Jesus!

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VII. THE WONDER THAT MORE DO NOT PREPARE FOR HEAVEN!

- A. Look around you today! Our churches are from ½ to 3/4 empty! What does this say to those who need Jesus?
- B. Wherever the lost and dying world goes, they find church members there, doing what they are doing — **AND OFTEN LEADING THE WAY!**
- C. Happy, Joy filled believers cause people to want to go to Heaven.

Why don’t more people prepare for Heaven? Most are too busy building a life here on earth. They think this is all there is—and most church goers feel the same. Oh, they won’t come out and say it but they don’t have to. *They say it by the way they live!*

“The Seven Wonders Of Heaven!”

Revelation 22:1-5

Here’s an ad that someone sent me on my e-mail:

FREE! BEAUTIFUL HOMES to be given away in a **PERFECT CITY!** 100% pure water and air, no light bills, everything new, perfect climate, never lock your doors again, beautiful music wired through out the home, free transportation provided, no taxes, no upkeep. **SECURE YOUR DEED TODAY!**

Of course by now you know the ad was referring to Heaven!

In the days of Alexander the great, the Greeks originated the first group of *“Seven wonders of the world.”*

Sense then others have updated the list, depending on what they reasoned *“wonders”* to be!

So, let’s you and I take a minute and think about my *“Seven Wonders Of Heaven!”*

I. THE WONDER OF IT’S EXISTENCE!

Note what the Holy Spirit revealed to John about Heaven in the Book of Revelation:

- A. Not made with human hands
- B. Never wears out
- C. Inhabitants to vast to number
- D. Streets of gold; Walls of Jasper
- E. No Hospitals, cemeteries, prisons, or mental institutions
- F. No crime, pollution, tornados or hurricanes, floods or earthquakes

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II. THE WONDER OF HEAVEN'S CHARACTER!

A. A place of incomparable beauty

I. Corinthians 2:9 (KJV) “**But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**”

B. A place of purity and holiness

Revelation 21:27 (KJV) “**And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**”

C. Heaven is a place without sin or any of sin's consequences:
War, hatred, crime, disease, punishment.

D. Heaven is a place without sorrow or sadness, or death—**ONLY PERPETUAL JOY!**

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III. THE WONDER OF HEAVEN'S INHABITANTS!

A. The higher order of beings: Angels, Seraphim, Cherubim — those Holy, shining, singing servants of God, worshipping the Lamb before His Throne

B. The redeemed of all the ages — saints, prophets, patriarchs, apostles, martyrs.

1. Someone has estimated that there have been more than 75 million put to death for Jesus' sake!

C. Our loved ones, friends, family, pastors who led the way, S. S. teachers, deacons — all those who showed us the way and

taught us the truth!

D. But as great as all these are and will be, they are pale in comparison with the joy of catching just one glimpse of Jesus!

Note what the hymn writer pinned:

**Jesus paid it all
all to Him I owe
sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow**

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IV. THE WONDER OF HEAVEN'S INTEREST IN A SIN-CURSED WORLD!

A. God the Father sent Jesus to us— to die for us — and today, act as our Attorney in the courts of Heaven!

B. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live in us, to empower us and guide us!

C. And one day, the Father will send the Holy Angels to bring us home!

V. THE WONDER OF THE CONDITIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP IN HEAVEN!

A. Think of all the places that we cannot go and the things we cannot do down here, for one reason or another.

1. Not enough education, lack of money, the color of our skin

Jesus says of Heaven, “**Whosoever will may come!**”