

The Reality Dream

Listen! You and your cousin are trying to stuff a watermelon into a garden hose. It is not going well..... Mercifully the alarm rings and it was just a dream.

- Our Communal Dream includes: Justice. Joy. Peace. Plenty. Safety. Light. Health.

Question: Could it be that this communal dream is more than a dream?

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- Ecclesiastes 3:11. The night light of the soul.

The Shape of Eternal Joy or the Elements of the Dream:

- We will be free from the penalty of sin:
- We will be free from the power of sin:
- We will be free from the presence of sin:
- We will be in intimate friendships:
- We will be in meaningful work:
- We will be in pure adoration:
 - The best thing about heaven is that our Father is there.

The Take Aways:

- #1 Trust Christ before heaven.
- #2 Anticipate the blessings of heaven.
- #3 Persevere until heaven.

Bottom Line: *“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” C. S. Lewis.*

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ this week.

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Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** Do you agree with the "elements of the communal dream" that point to heaven? Justice. Joy. Peace. Plenty. Safety. Light. Health. Would you list others? Are these consistent with what the Bible says about heaven?
- **Monday:** What do you think about calling Ecclesiastes 3:11 the "night light of the soul?" Is this statement true? Is it helpful?
- **Tuesday:** What is the application and meaning for today that heaven is a place of freedom from the power of sin?
- **Wednesday:** What is the application and meaning for today that heaven is a place of freedom from the presence of sin?
- **Thursday:** What is the application and meaning for today that heaven is a place of intimate relationships?
- **Friday:** What is the application and meaning for today that heaven is a place of meaningful work?
- **Saturday:** What is the application and meaning for today that heaven is a place of pure adoration?