

(1) How often do you think about or meditate on the reality of heaven and what it will be like? Do you find it to be of practical benefit in your Christian life, or is it a distraction from the routine tasks and responsibilities that you face every day? If it is of benefit, in what ways? Be specific.

(2) Read aloud Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Peter 1:3-4, 13; Hebrews 11:14-16; 13:13-14; Matthew 5:11-12; Romans 8:17-18, 23, 25; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How do these texts answer the question: "Is it spiritually helpful to think much on the subject of heaven?"

(3) What is your opinion on the debate about how many will ultimately be saved? How does Revelation 7 address that question?

(4) How does it affect your view of the end times to know that the entire church age spanning the time between Christ's two comings is often referred to as a time of "tribulation" for God's people?

(5) Talk about the significance of the word "therefore" in v. 15. What does it tell us about our salvation?

(6) Read aloud Revelation 7:15-17 and identify the eight blessings that will be the experience of God's people in the new heavens and new earth. What do each of these mean?