

Union Foursquare Gospel Church, 404 North Broad Street, Elizabeth

Year theme – Multiplied Blessings: Deuteronomy 28:1-14, Isaiah 55v9-13

Introduction

In a divine and very sweet experience I had with God recently, He gave me this message I am sharing with us on what it takes to go to heaven. I was also taught a song titled so shall my word be, confirming God's readiness to perform the promises He has made to His children. The best blessing a believer in Christ will receive is to always have the assurance of going to heaven when our stay here on earth is over. So, what do we need to go to heaven?

1, BE BORN AGAIN.

a. By natural birth, all humans are sinners and need to be born again to make heaven. Psalm 51v5-6, Rom. 3v23.

b. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BORN AGAIN?

It is to be born from above. It is a new beginning in the relationship between God and the person who is born again. Jesus to Nicodemus - John 3v1-7

c. It is being adopted by God and receiving the authority to become His children. John 1v12-13, Romans 8v15-16, Galatians 4v5, 1 John 3v1, 2 Corinthians 6v18. Titus 3v5, 1 Peter 1v3, 1 John 2v29, 1 John 3v9, 1 John 5v1-4, 18, 1 John 4v7. Jesus said – (a) Not all who call me Lord, Lord will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew 7v21. (b) On that day many shall call me Lord, Lord did we not prophesy in your name. Matthew 7:22. Truly adopted children are known by the fruits they bear. Matthew 7:16-20.

2. Be Heaven-minded and Christ-centered.

Heaven is a place for true believers in Christ to spend eternity. But what do you know about this place to spend eternity? Do you have the mind of Christ? Colossians 3v1, Revelation 21v1-4, 2 Peter 2v14, Philippians 3v20-21

3. Be Holy. You cannot go to heaven without holiness. God is holy and Heaven is a holy place. Without holiness no one can see God. **Leviticus 11:44-45, Hebrews 12v14, Rev. 21v27**, Ephesians 4v24, Exodus 28v2, Isaiah 61v3, 10. Revelation 19v7-9, 2 Corinthians 13v5, Zechariah 3v4, **Colossians 3v5-14.**

4. Be obedient to God and His word

Obedience is key. You cannot be disobedient to God and His word and expect to go to Heaven. Deut. 28v1, Deuteronomy 11v8,26-27, Deuteronomy 6v24-25, Hebrews 12v6, Rev. 3v19, Hebrews 5v18-19

5. **Be and live in Righteousness**

Self-righteousness cannot take you to heaven. It only produces hypocrisy and pretense. It is only righteousness from God that brings you closer to God and heaven. 1 John 2v29. Romans 5v1-5, 1 John 3v7, Philippians 3v8-9, Isaiah 42v6, Isaiah 32v17, Psalm 97v2.

6. **Christlikeness**

Have the mind, attitude, and actions of Christ. Do only that which Jesus will do and nothing less than that. Our attitude and actions matter so much, wherever we are. **1 Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 1:27. Philippians 2:5**

7. **Truth and trustworthiness**

Jesus said "I am the way, truth, life). His father trusted Him in all things. The same way can God trust us in all things and in all our ways. Can we truly trust one another? Col. 3:9-10, Proverbs 11:11, Proverbs 6:16-19, John 17:17, 2 Peter 1:16, Ephesians 4:16-17.

8. **Bear the fruit of the Spirit.**

The fruits of the flesh will cut us off from God. The fruit(s) of the Spirit presents us acceptable to God. Galatians 5:22-25.

9. **Be humble and not proud:**

Pride pulls down and may lead to an eventual fall. Humble yourself and let God Himself lift you up. Luke 18:9-11, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Romans 11:18-20, 1 Corinthians 4:14.

10. **Be sincere and faithful in serving God**

When you are sincere and faithful you are loyal, unwavering, and reliable, not minding the circumstances. Joshua 24:14, Luke 16:10-12, Matt.25:21

11. **Love God, others around you, your family and yourself:**

Matthew 22:37, Luke 10:27, Deuteronomy 6:5. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. You cannot say you want to go to heaven without loving God with all your life, your family or those around you. It is love that identifies us as God's children. John 13:35

12. **Be a soul winner for the Kingdom:**

Matthew 25:21, Rev. 20:4,20, Daniel 12:3, Rev. 20:12, 1 Thes. 1:9, Romans 3:22,24-25,28, 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

