

What will our lives be like on the
new Earth? Part 3

Will I be myself in Heaven?

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1. Yes, you will be *you* in Heaven.

Who else would you be?

If George, a man on Earth, is no longer George when he gets to Heaven, then, George did not go to Heaven.

The resurrected Jesus did not become someone else; he remained who he was *before* his resurrection.

In Heaven I'll be Bryan Day – without the bad parts – forever and you will be you.

You do not become an angel and you do not become someone else.

In Heaven, we will be called by our present earthly names. Having the same name in Heaven speaks of the continuity between this life and the next.

- God recognized as valid the names Adam gave to the animals.
- God calls people in Heaven by their earthly names: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- The names of the 12 sons of Israel and the apostles are written on the city's gates and foundation walls.
Rev 21:12-14

In Heaven, we will also be given a new name.

“The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.” Is 62:2

Many people had multiple names in Scripture: Jacob is also Israel, Simon is also Peter; Saul is also Paul.

Since we are the same person in Heaven as we were on Earth:

A. Judgment means something.

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment...” Hebrews 9:27 (KJV)

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.” Matthew 25:31-33

“If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Rev 20:15

B. Rewards mean something.

“One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.” Ps 62:11-12

“They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.” Ps 19:10-11

To imagine that we will lose our identities is a Hindu belief, not a Christian belief. The doctrines of eternal Judgment and Rewards depend on people retaining their identities from this life to the next.

2. In Heaven you will have emotions
Feelings aren't part of the Curse, they are part of how God made us
in His image.

Will we cry in Heaven?

"He will wipe 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." Rev 21:4

In Heaven, there will be no more crying because of:

Sin and death

Oppression

Poverty

The widow, the orphaned, the unborn and the persecuted.

Such crying will be no more.

I think this verse is telling us that God will eliminate crying over
injustice and sorrow but I think we will still be able to cry tears of
joy. Would you agree that there are some tears that flow that are
wonderful, healing and beautiful?

Don't you think that tears of joy will fall from your eyes when you
meet Jesus or when you see your loved one who is in Heaven waiting
for you? A mother, father, grandparent, child? Those will be
wonderful, healing, beautiful tears.

A. Scripture tells us that God has emotions:

Enjoys, loves, laughs, takes delight in, rejoices,

As well as be angry, jealous, happy, and glad.

"You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I,
the LORD your God, am a jealous God..." Exodus 20:5

"...as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice
over you." Isaiah 62:5

In Heaven we will enjoy all of these emotions for God's glory and
our good.

B. Angels have emotions.

"All the angels were standing around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces
before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and
glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Rev 7:11-3