



Lydia Florence — “For Heaven’s Sake”

CONNECT: Did you make it until midnight on New Year’s Eve? Did you make any new year’s resolutions/goals, or is there a certain word/verse you’ve chosen to guide your 2023?

GROW:

1. In Sunday’s sermon, Lydia discussed four truths about heaven that we find in scripture. Here are the first three:
 - Heaven is a New Earth.*
 - In Heaven, we get new bodies.*
 - Heaven is life at its fullest.*
 - a. Before listening to Lydia’s sermon, what was your mental picture of heaven?
 - b. Did anything change after hearing this sermon? What was something you heard for the first time or never thought about before?
 - c. What are you most looking forward to about heaven based on what we know?
2. Here’s the 4th and most uncomfortable truth: *Anyone can go to heaven, but not everyone will.* We live in a culture extremely resistant to this idea, and it doesn’t help that people in the Church have historically not always done the best job at communicating this truth with love. However, some of us prefer to avoid thinking about the reality of Hell, which prevents us from really feeling the urgency to tell others about Jesus. In our current culture, what do you think it looks like to live with this urgency, yet also balance truth with grace?
3. Read **Colossians 3:1-4**. How often do you think about heaven? What would change about how you lived your life if you thought about heaven every single day?

PRAY: Read **Revelation 21:1-5** together, and pray for this wonderful reality of heaven to saturate your hearts with hope and strengthen your resolve to make that hope known to everyone.

NEXT: What questions do you still have about heaven? Make it your mission this week to do some research. If you’d like to start your year off with a book on the subject, a great one to start with is *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn.