## WHAT IS CHURCH?

# HEAVEN: THE GLORY OF GOD FOR ETERNITY

#### **Introduction:**

- Rapture
- ❖ Tribulation
- Millennial Kingdom
- ❖ Eternity

#### What is Heaven Like?

Heaven is a place that contains a city that is new and glorious where saints are gathered to be in the presence of God forever.

- Heaven is a place...
  - Acts 1:11, 7:55, John 14:2-3
- ...that contains a city...
  - Revelation 21:2-4
- ...that is new and glorious...
  - Revelation 21:9-21, 21:1, 2 Peter 3:10
- ...where saints are gathered...
  - Revelation 21:9, 27
- ...to be in the presence of God forever.
  - Revelation 21:3

### Why Does Heaven Exist?

- 1) God Desires to Share Blessing with His People
  - Psalm 27:4, 74:25, Isaiah 6:1-6, Revelation 1:17, Romans 5:8, 1 John 3:1, Ephesians 2:4-5
- 2) God Desires to Glorify Himself
  - a. God is Preparing an End-Times Gift for His Son
    - John 6:37-39, 17:9, 11-12, 24, Ephesians 5:25-27
  - b. The Son Will Present Himself & the Bride Back to the Father
    - 1 Corinthians 15:27-28

#### **Implications of Heaven:**

- ✓ Our life now impacts eternity
  - 2 Peter 1:10-11
- ✓ This life is transitory and temporary
  - Matthew 6:19-21
- ✓ Heaven will far transcend any joy that we have known in this life

  2 Peter 3:11-13
- ✓ The truth about the relationship between Father & Son is pride suppressing

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