

The Bible's Teaching on Heaven

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A New Relationship (overview)

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2. A New Way to Live

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Two words to describe this new relationship:

1. Community

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An Intimate Relationship

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Four words describe this intimate relationship:

1. Preparation

*“Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and **His bride has made herself ready.**”* - Revelation 19:7

2. Purity

*“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ All who have this hope in Him **purify themselves, just as He is pure.**”* - 1 John 3:2,3

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“I will put my dwelling place among you. ¹² I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.” - Leviticus 26:11,12

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God places an importance upon the individual.

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