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1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

*For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, **and so we will always be with the Lord.***

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Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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1 John 3:2-3

*Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; **but we know that when he appears we shall be like him**, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

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2 Corinthians 5:1

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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Psalm 103:8

***The Lord is merciful and
gracious, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.***



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Psalm 103:11

***For as high as the heavens are
above the earth, so great is
his steadfast love toward those
who fear him...***



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Ephesians 2:4

***But God, being rich in
mercy, because of the great
love with which he loved us...***



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Titus 3:5

***...He saved us, not because of works
done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy,
by the washing of regeneration
and renewal of the Holy Spirit...***



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- **God is imminently merciful**
- **It is a “great” mercy**
 - **Much; abundant**
 - **Overwhelming**









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- What is the hope?
“Inheritance”



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**All this is based on
the resurrection of
Jesus**



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Yes! *Because You Have a Reservation*



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- **If you are a Christian, God is *planning* on you being in heaven**



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Revelation 3:5

The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.



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- How are we guarded?



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- How are we guarded?
 - **Through faith**



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1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.



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Romans 11:20

***That is true. They were broken off
because of their unbelief, but
you stand fast through faith. So do not
become proud, but fear.***



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John 10:27

***My sheep hear my voice, and I know
them, and they follow me.***



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- **God gives the guidance we need through the word and has committed the power of heaven to make certain you make it there**



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Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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- Some underlying assumptions:
 - “Elect” (1); “born again” (3)
 - Repented and baptized
 - You are trying to live right



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Romans 6:4

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.



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1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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- **Evidences of genuine faith:
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John 14:15

***“If you love me, you will keep my
commandments.”***



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- Evidence of genuine faith:
Love
- Result of genuine faith: Joy



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