

My Mam died a few years ago at the age of 101 years. I am hoping to live at least that long, if not longer, so that means that you will have the pleasure of reading these fabulous, fantastic, phenomenal Doodles for quite some time. Mind you, I have to admit that sometimes it is quite a challenge to complete **one** and get it sent out, let alone writing dozens more!

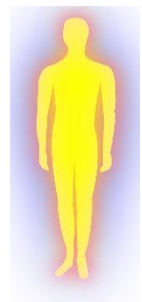
101 years old

These thoughts set me wondering about Heaven. Heaven is something that many people do not like to talk about because it reminds them of loved ones who have died. It is a shame that the negative aspect of death prevents them from thinking about the positive aspects of Heaven.

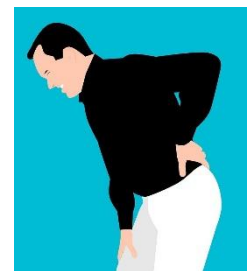
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What will Heaven be like? What will we be like? We sometimes hear snippets in talks or sermons, but I have to say that I do not recall anyone ever giving a talk about Heaven. What does the Bible tell us about Heaven?

Philippians 3: 20-21. We will be given a new body. What will that body be like? As we are human beings we tend to think about a physical body such as we have now, but it is obviously going to be quite different. Will it be a spiritual body and if so how will that be different from the bodies we have whilst we are here on earth? There is no description in the Bible as to how those bodies will actually appear visually.



Revelation 21:4. No more pain. That will be really good. No more creaky knees or hips, backaches, headaches, or anything that gives our bodies pain. It is very difficult for us to imagine having a body with no sort of pain whatsoever because pain is something that we have all experienced in our lives – Increasingly so as we get older!



No more tears. There will be nothing that makes us sad. No upset, depression, mental health problems, hurts from things that others have done or said, bereavements or separations.

2 Corinthians 4: 13-14. Re-union. Paul writes of us being together with those whom we knew. The thought of being re-united with loved ones again is probably the aspect of Heaven that appeals most to the majority of people. How amazing will that be to see parents, husbands, wives children and friends again.

Regardless of the form, our bodies will be recognizable to others. If you see a lovely young lady with long ginger hair you will know it is me – Notice I have knocked a few years off as well as restoring the hair!



No more death. I find it very difficult to get my head around the thought of no more death. How long does that mean that we are going to be in Heaven? Certainly more than 101 years!



John 3: 16 tells us that if we believe in Jesus we will have eternal life.

How long is that? 1,000,000,000,000..... years. Eternity is a very long time, way out of our calculations.



Now here comes the crunch question. What will we be doing in Heaven? I do not recall anything in the Bible that says that we will be working when we get to Heaven, so what will we be doing? We will be in the presence of a holy God and will be praising Him and worshipping Jesus. It describes in

Revelation Chapters 5 & 7 how myriads of angels (Myriads = Too many to count) are worshipping and that seems to be their sole occupation. I am sure that there are some of you who will be thinking 'How boring' at the prospect of praising and worshipping for an endless number of years, but that is because we are unable to fully comprehend what it will be like to be in the presence of Jesus for eternity.

Complete joy, complete happiness, complete satisfaction, complete peace and our spirits at one with the Creator and Saviour. The thoughts of life on earth giving us satisfaction are quite incomparable to what it will be like to experience worshipping with countless other Christians and myriads of angels. Maybe I do not want to live to 101 years after all!

**'To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing
and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'**