

# “Will We Know Each Other In Heaven”?

- “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. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

I Thessalonians 4:13

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- This is a problem question for some.
- How will we know each other?
- What kind of relationship will we have?
- What about our spouse or in some cases our spouses?
- If we do know each other, will we know if our family members, friends, etc. that we love are not there?
- What about difficult relationships in this world – how will that work?

# The Issue of Recognition – Will We Recognize Each Other?

- **The witness of Jesus.**

- Matthew 17 – The transfiguration. Moses, Elijah, and Jesus in a transfigured state were all recognizable to each other and the the disciples.
- Luke 16 – The rich man and Lazarus.
- Luke 24:39 – “...it is I myself,...”
- John 20 – Doubting, faithful Thomas.
- John 21 – Breakfast with the disciples.
- I Corinthians 15 – Cephas, 500 brothers, James, Paul

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- **The witness of Paul.**

- Paul's hope, joy, and crown of rejoicing in the presence of the Lord – I Thessalonians 2:19.
- Paul He speaks of our gathering together unto Christ – II Thessalonians 2:1
- Paul speaks of the dead in Christ rising first and those who are alive at the coming of Christ will together meet the Lord in the air and will forever be with the Lord – I Thessalonians 4:13-18

# How Will We Relate?

- First, the slate is not wiped clean – we will be judged based on relationships – with ourselves, others, and God – Matthew 25:31ff, II Corinthians 5:10
- What happens to Marriage – Matthew 22 – Jan will be Jan and Roy will be Roy but there will be no marrying and giving in marriage.
- “Blessed are those who are invited to the **marriage supper of the Lamb.**” Rev. 19:9

# How Will We relate?

- “For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.” II Cor. 11:2
- The ultimate marriage that will take place at the marriage supper of the Lamb when Christ, the Bridegroom, is wed to His bride, the church.
- There will no longer be a need for marriage.

# How Will We relate?

- What about multiple spouses?
- What about difficult people?
- What about family members?
- “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,” Ephesians 3:14-15
- We are and will be then God’s family – Father, brothers, and sisters.

# Some Conclusions

- We need to know and trust the scriptures.
- We need to know and trust the power of God.
- As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, **I shall be satisfied** with your likeness.
- “No tears in heaven, no sorrows given...all will be glory in that land.”
- **We Will Be Satisfied!**