

God's Keep-sakes

Nothing is _____ ... **but God.** *Heb. 13:8 Rev. 1:8*

<i>God is the same</i>	Yesterday	Today and	Forever
<i>The God who</i>	Was	And is	And is to Come
<i>Tree of Life</i>	Genesis 2:9	Revelation 2:7	Revelation 22:2
<i>River of Life</i>	Genesis 2:10	John 4:10	Revelation 22:1
<i>To be with God</i>	Garden of Eden	Paradise	New Heaven
<i>Away from God</i>	Sin	Hades	Lake of Fire

How do we know that believers who die go to Heaven / Paradise?

Rev. 21:1-2

The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In ... torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. *Luke 16:22&23*

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in **paradise.**" *Luke 23:43*

We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. *2 Corinthians 5:8*

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. *1 Thessalonians 4:14*

... To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the **paradise** of God. *Revelation 2:7*

... I saw ... those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. *Revelation 6:9*

How do we know that Hades isn't Hell (Gehenna - Lake of Fire)?

Rev. 20: 13-15

... Rather, be afraid of the One who can **destroy both** soul and body in hell. *Matthew 10:28*

... It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where " 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' *Mark 9:47-48*
(underlines and bold - added)

KEPT INTO ETERNITY for us to experience: Why? *Rev. 22: 1 - 2*

If for no other reason - these _____ **God's attributes!**

River of Life - a continual flow of pure water that is

S _____ and **S** _____.

Tree of Life - a massive tree of fruit that is both full of

V _____ and **V** _____.

Healing of Nations- reflecting God's desire to always

R _____ and **R** _____.

Why do you cry out over your wound, your pain that has no cure? Because of your great guilt and many sins I have done these things to you. But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,' declares the Lord, ... 'I will restore the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his dwellings; the city will be rebuilt on her ruins, and the palace will stand in its proper place. ... until He fully accomplishes the purposes of His heart. In days to come you will understand this. Jeremiah 30:15, 17-18 & 24

Application:

*God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. (complete)
Heb. 11:40*

It's fascinating that God's plan is that the grandeur of the New Heaven is held off until we can all _____ it together.

God doesn't scrap anything He deems important, **instead** He _____, restores, and desires it's completion.

In life, besides the beginning and end, there is a _____ middle, during which we dare not give up. **God hasn't!**

Optional Readings: *Notice, how God chooses to rebuild or restore.*

Ezra 3 & 6 Nehemiah 1-6 Psalm 41, 51, 80
Ezekiel 36 & 47 Joel 2