

The Transformation

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Today is the **Day of Trumpets**. This day looks to the return of Jesus Christ and the First Resurrection. These are very important events in the working-out of the Plan of God. The First Resurrection is the inaugural entry of human beings into the Family of God – the “**Firstfruits**” are granted the gift of eternal life. The resurrection is a transformation from physical to spiritual – but what exactly does it mean to “be transformed”?

God is Spirit: To be part of the God Family we must also be spirit (Jh4:24a, 3:3-6). Human birth is a transformation from an embryo to a living breathing person. The “spiritual transformation” begins with baptism, “water”, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; it ends with the transformation to a being composed of “spirit”. **Physical life is temporary:** (Ps 89:47-48, Ecc12:1, Job 7:7-10) Human life is over quickly, but it has a purpose – we have an inherent need to seek God (Ecc3:11a).

God is self-sustaining indestructible life: (1 Jh1:1-2) John and the other Apostles had living experience with Jesus Christ, the “word of life”: the objective of Jesus’ teaching is the transformation, “eternal life” (Jh1:1-4, 5:26). After the transformation we also will be comprised of “self sustaining indestructible life”. **God inhabits eternity** (Is57:15a). “Eternity” is the dwelling place of the God Family. We must be transformed to join the Family.

What is Eternity? The Hebrew word, “**shamayim**”, normally translated “heaven”, carries two very distinct ranges of meaning:

1. Physical: the sky and all above it – planets, stars, galaxies, etc.
2. Spiritual: the realm of God, eternity (Is66:1a, Ps103:19)

Consider two brief glimpses into eternity: “**the throne room**”. Isaiah sees YHWH sitting on the throne (Is6:1-5). John sees the same throne room with a little different scene – John sees God the Father (Rv4:1-8).

Eternity is the “dwelling place” of God: (Dt4:39, 10:14, 26:15a) – “shamayim” is God’s holy habitation, but he is the owner of all eternity and everything in it, including the universe. God hears prayers in “shamayim”, in the “throne room” (Neh9:27b, 28b). **The physical universe** is an object created by God within eternity (Hb11:3, Is40:12, 45:12). God can “hold the universe in his hand”. **There is no “time” in eternity** – “time” is a measure of the relative movement of planets, stars, and galaxies. Before they were created, there was no concept of time. From eternity, physical past and future are equally visible (Is46:9b-10a). **God is “omnipresent” throughout the universe.** All points within the universe are equally accessible to God. God can enter and exit any part of the physical universe at any time (Ps139:7-12, Jr23:23-24). When God enter the physical universe, the Bible describes it as **the “heavens opened”** (or similar phrase). A “portal” is opened between the physical universe and eternity (Mk1:10, Rv6:12-17). The 6th Seal is the “heavenly signs” – a harbinger of the Day of YHWH. Verse 14 describes a “rift” in the physical universe: “**the sky vanished**”, so that all can see into eternity.

The “**Marriage Supper**” occurs right after the **First Resurrection** in eternity:

- Revelation 11:15, the “last trumpet”, the resurrection
- Revelation 15:1, the “seven last plague”, on earth, administered by angels
- Revelation 19:1,4, events in eternity, outside of time and space
- Revelation 19:6-9, the “marriage supper”, in eternity: the transformation has occurred, all participants are spirit beings. Note: there are two groups of participants: “**the bride**” and the guests, “**those invited**”
- Revelation 19:11, **the earth entry** – “heaven opened”, return to time and space

Then will have come true the prophecy of the Apostle Paul: (1Cr5:42-44, 50-53)

We continue to look forward to the events foreshadowed by the Day of Trumpets, but it is getting closer. The Bible gives us ample information to have absolute faith in the reality of the Transformation. Then we will be like God, and we will be able to share eternity with God The Father and Jesus Christ.

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