1 Corinthians 2:9 "… No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him." (NLT)

1. GOD will be there.

Revelation 21:1-4 "1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God." (NIV)

2. There will be no more SIN and SUFFERING.

Revelation 21:4 "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (NIV)

3. It will be ENORMOUS and SAFE.

Revelation 21:9-14 "9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb. 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. 16 The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia (about 1,400 miles) in length, and as wide and high as it is long. 17 He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick (about 200 feet), by man's measurement, which the angel was using."

4. We will be able to EXPLORE the new Earth.

Revelation 21:12-13 "12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west." (NIV)

5. It is going to be absolutely BEAUTIFUL.

   Revelation 21:18-21 "18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. 19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eight beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass." (NIV)

6. God's GLORY will fill the place.

   Revelation 21:22-27 "22 I did not see a temple in the city because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp." (NIV)

7. The best of all CULTURES will be there to share and experience.

   Revelation 21:24-26 "24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it."

8. There will be nothing BAD or HARMFUL there.

   Revelation 21:25, 27 "25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there … 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."

9. We will THRIVE there.

Revelation 22:1-5 "1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse." (NIV)

10. We will have things to DO there.

Revelation 22:3, 5 "3 … His servants will serve Him … 5 And they will reign for ever and ever."

11. We will see JESUS face to face.

Revelation 22:3-4 "3 The throne of God and of **the Lamb** will be in the city, and His servant will serve Him. 4 They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Revelation 21:7 "He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be His God and He will be my son." (NIV)

The whole point of the book of Revelation was to encourage Christians who were being persecuted. The Lord wanted them to think about the hope that Christ gives to those who endure this life.

Revelation 22:20 "He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." (NIV)

Christians should LONG FOR Heaven.