Monologue: “In Light of Eternity”

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*“Entrance into Heaven is not at the hour of death, but at the moment of conversion.”* Benjamin Whichcote

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I’ve been thinking a lot about heaven lately. Maybe it’s just the mood I’ve been in, or the fact that I have attended far too many funerals lately, but heaven is a topic that has been on my mind. Now, don’t get me wrong, I am in no hurry to get there. I have no desire at the moment to leave this earth. And I am not thinking about heaven in a morose or morbid kind of way, either. But, I do wonder what it will be like.

I know we have descriptions of heaven in the Bible - with the mansions being prepared; and the pearly gates, all twelve of them; the streets of gold, and all of that. But what will it really be like? I wonder…

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I know there will be no more night. Revelation tells us that. To me, that sounds fab!! No more night, and no more of all the things that are associated with night. Darkness, sickness, worry, anxiousness, shame, doubt…all GONE! How amazing would that be?

But perhaps the best thing about heaven, for me anyway, is that God will be there. That thought is amazing. Even more amazing than the though of my loved ones, the fact that I will get to see God face to face is awesome! Confucius said, “Heaven means to be one with God.” I wonder what that will be like - to be one with God.

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Wait a minute! “Heaven means to be one with God.” Isn’t that why Jesus came to earth, so we could be one with God? Did Jesus not say that he came so we could “have life and have it fo the full?” (John 10:10)

So, if Jesus’ calling was to bring us a full life, then, if we love God, and seek him in everything we do, are we not striving to be one with God now? Add to that the fact that throughout Scripture, we read that Jesus said, “The Kingdom of Heaven is now.”

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In light of this, perhaps my journey to heaven is not just something that happens when I die, but happens right here, right now. I heard it said once that, “Entrance into Heaven is not at the hour of death, but at the moment of conversion.” If this is true, then I am living in the right of eternity right here, right now. The life that I live is a heavenly life because of Jesus, because of the Cross, because of God’s love for humankind, because God saves, reconciles and calls.

Billy Graham said, “Heaven doesn’t make this life less important; it makes it more important.” So, as I continue to think about heaven, and what a glorious day it will be to see Jesus face to face, I am going to continue to live the heavenly life here on earth, in light of eternity.