

*"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."
ColossiansNo2 3:1-2 KJV*



What is it that gives you pleasure? Food, money, activity? Our favorites are as individual as the persons, but what is the common denominator? They are all physical in nature. In other words, they have to do with the five senses. Most would consider the satiating of physical senses to be liberating, but the five senses are the walls that imprison the soul of man and keep it stockaded away from the true freedom of the spiritual realm! Feelings can lie to you! The physical realm is finite, the spiritual infinite. Why would you live in an eight by eight cell when you could soar above the clouds? No matter how comfortable a prison cell is or how brightly decorated it may be, it is still a prison cell. By fulfilling, yielding to fleshly desire, we barricade ourselves in restrictive dungeons of feelings away from the freedom of flight into the infinite Light. Faith frees us from stress, from worry, from fear, from bondage and allows us to rest in perfect peace and joy with full assurance of Truth. It allows us to soar into infinite glory with the Supreme Sovereign of Salvation. The five senses are not only fully satiated, but many times overwhelmed by the caresses of the Creator and the presence of His Holiness. I have attended meetings where the Holy Spirit had such full reign there was an overwhelming quietness and sense of joy as well as bitter weeping and tears of repentance, but there was no shouting or noise. The Word tells us, *"BE STILL! And know that I am God."* Once you have moved beyond the sensual into the spiritual and tasted of the Living Manna, nothing earthly will ever again compare. It at once fully satisfies and leaves a hunger and thirst for more. God is His own reward. Think of the time that is coming when we will actually be able to touch Omnipotence and audibly hear Omniscience say *"Well done! Thou good and faithful servant."* What on earth could even begin to approach the Presence of God? To finally see with our own eyes the blessed face of our Redeemer? We can only imagine, now, *"But...eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."*

O, that will be glory for me,
When at the last Jesus I'll see,
To stand in the Light, clean and free,
And be with God, eternally! -CGP

God will give us a new body with new and glorified senses that will revel in the glow of His presence. *"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as HE is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."* Till then, we must wait with heightened anticipation, like a child at Christmas, knowing our wildest dreams are but a glimmer of what awaits us. Will I see you there?

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.'" Revelation 21:3 KJV