Heaven a World of Love

How can we be sure that we will enjoy God forever? If we are free to sin, how do we know we won’t sin and be kicked out of heaven? If we aren’t free to sin, does that mean we will be mindless robots?

The answer is that Heaven will be a world of perfect love (1 John 4:17-18; 1 Corinthians 13:8-13). (“Perfect” means “complete, fully developed, mature.”)

**1. Perfect love *for God***

When our union with the Holy Spirit and our love for God are complete, we shall—

A. Delight in the *holiness* of God

Psalm 99:4-5, 8-9

B. Delight in keeping the *commandments* of God

Psalm 119:16, 103, 127, 129

**2. Perfect love for *each other***

Philippians 2:1-4. Union with other saints through the Holy Spirit will cause us to—

A. Be *happy* with those above us

B. Be *humble* toward those below us

**3. Perfect love *lacking in Eden***

A. Adam loved *God*

B. Adam loved *Eve more*

**4. Perfect *hatred* present in *Hell***

The inhabitants of hell will—

A. Hate *God*

Romans 1:30; Revelation 16:9-11

B. Be hated *by God*

Psalm 11:4-7

C. Hate *each other*

Galatians 5:14-22

**The uses of this doctrine** to stimulate—

A. Your *conversion* to Christ

B. Your *longing* for eternal glory

C. Your *love* for the family of God

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you in this message? What might you need to do or change as a result of God’s speaking to you?

2. Matthew 22:34-40. What are the two greatest commandments of the Law? Why are they the greatest?

Our perfection in Heaven must result in perfect delight in and obedience to these commandments. How does that delight produce an inability to sin that yet preserves our freedom?

3. How can you have a greater longing for heaven and a more active love for others?