Why Would Anyone Want to Go to Heaven
Phil. 1:23-24

Introduction:
A. Paul’s good balance: A desire to go, but willing to stay.
B. Why so little real interest in spiritual things in the church?
   1. Do only what feel compelled to do to miss hell – no more (cf. Mt. 5:41).
   2. Yet, have no real desire to go to heaven. (Cf. Student trying to do just enough to get by)
C. Bible gives us some good reasons for wanting to go to heaven:
Discussion:

I. Because of What Will Not Be There.
   A. The corruption of this world.
      2. Death, pain and sorrow. (Rev. 20:13, 14; 21:4)
   B. The Devil and his angels. (Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10).
   C. The Horrors of Hell.
      2. Darkness and terrible sounds. (Matt. 25:30)

II. Because of What Will Be There.
   A. Beauty.
      1. Indescribable (Rev. 21:11-22:1).
   B. Rest.
      1. From labor and struggle. (2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 4:1; Rev. 14:13).
      2. Not from service. (Rev. 7:15; 22:3)
   C. Heavenly beings.
      1. God (Matt. 6:9,10; 10:32).
      2. Christ (1 Thess 4:13-18; Phil 1:23).
   D. Saints.
      2. Faithful Christians (Rev. 2:10; John 14:1-2; Matt. 25:34,41).

Conclusion:

A. Cannot accidentally go to heaven – must strive (Lk. 13:24)

B. Cannot go in defiled state – must be forgiven and stay forgiven (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7-9).