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 – nor more (cf. Mt. 5:41).
   2. Yet, have not 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. 20:13,24; 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. 13:34).
B. Cannot go in defiled state – must be forgiven and stay forgiven (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7-9).