

**Evidence #6 - Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:15; 21:27**

Each of these passages speak of the “book of life” and the book of life is a book that contains individual names. The individual names contained in the book of life are names of those who are in heaven who have believed in Jesus Christ. Now it is obvious that the individuals with those names are there, which means they are still the same person.

**Evidence #7 - Malachi 3:16**

In heaven there is a “book of remembrance” that has been actually written. In the book are names of those who “feared the LORD” and “esteemed His name.” This clearly causes us to conclude that one in heaven is the same person that he/she was on earth.

**Evidence #8 - Revelation 21:12-14**

In the New Jerusalem are twelve entrance gates and twelve foundation stones. On those gates and stones are names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel and the names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. What this means is the sons of Israel still have their tribal identity and the Apostles still have their individual identity. Otherwise, having their names there makes no sense. From this we may conclude that just as their names reflect individuality, so our names will reflect it as well.

Randy Alcorn said that one time a man wrote him a letter and expressed his fear of losing his identity in heaven. He said he asked him this question: “Will being like Jesus mean the obliteration of self?” (*Heaven*, p. 288).

Let me begin by saying if being like Jesus meant obliteration of self, praise God. Certainly it would be far better to be like Him than like us. However, Biblically speaking, we will not be obliterated. We will still be ourselves. We will be our heavenly selves and that will be a glorious thing.

The answer to the question is this: when you get to heaven, you will still be you.

**QUESTION #38 – What will we drink in heaven?**

This is an interesting question. Let us suppose for a moment that you like a good cup of coffee. Would it be possible in heaven for you to get a good cup of coffee? Actually we would assume if you could get a cup of coffee in heaven, it would be the best tasting cup of coffee you ever drank. This question may appear humorous, but actually there is more to it than you might think.

Coffee beans grow on a coffee bush or small tree and that vegetation was created by God on the third day of His creation and He classified it as very good (Genesis 1:11-13, 31).

We learn from Revelation 21:6; 22:1 that there is water in eternity. We learn from Isaiah 25:6 that there is the best wine in eternity. Jesus said that He would in fact drink wine with His disciples again in the Kingdom (Luke 22:18).

We know from I Samuel 28:16-19 that one who is in eternity will have memories of things on earth. Samuel certainly did. So what that means is we will certainly remember that while we were on earth we drank things.

Now let us suppose that we are in heaven and we are enjoying everything that God has to offer in heaven. Speaking for myself, I can envision myself asking what the best coffee bean is that God ever produced on the earth. What is the best cup of coffee ever made by heaven's standards?

I can also envision myself saying something like this. When Jesus turned water into wine, He turned it into the best wine. What made it the best? If Christ turned water into the best wine on earth, could we get a glass of it in heaven? (John 2:1-10).

I can also envision myself saying where was the best spring water to drink by heaven's standards?

Now, I will flat out tell you, knowing me, I want to taste it. I want to taste what God considers to be the best cup of coffee, the best drink of fresh water and the best glass of wine. Think of this in heaven.

**QUESTION #39** – Will we eat in heaven?

**The answer is a dogmatic “Yes.”** There are certainly many passages that indicate we will eat in heaven. For example, Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord putting on a “lavish banquet” in eternity. We know from Revelation 22:2 that there are fruit trees from which to eat. In fact, we learn specifically that eating will be a blessing God will give to believers in the church when they get to Paradise (Rev. 2:7).

In Ezekiel 47:9-11 it says that there will be fishermen and all kinds of fruit trees. Jesus said He would once again eat a meal in the Kingdom (Luke 22:16, 27-29). We learn from Matthew 8:11 that God will put on a massive banquet that will feature eating with some of the great people of the Bible. We know from Luke 14:15 that bread will be available in the Kingdom of God.

We would wonder will this be bread that tastes like manna and the bread of angels (Psalm 78:24-25).

It will be exciting to taste food and drink in heaven. By virtue of the fact that there are various passages that deal with the subject of a future banquet, it would seem to me that God wants us to look forward to these kinds of experiences when we get to heaven.