

INTRODUCTION

- * In this, the second part of a 2-week look at heaven, and its impact on our lives today, we are continuing our examination of a question I posed at the beginning of last week's message. Is it possible to be too heavenly minded to be any earthly good? Or is its opposite what is really true. Namely that the more heavenly-minded we are, the more earthly-good we will be to others, and the more effective we will be in doing God's work in this world?
- * As C.S. Lewis stated, "Aim at heaven and you will get the earth thrown in. Aim at earth, and you get neither."
- * We are not of this world (John 17:14-16), so we cannot afford to make the things of this earth our aim or priority in life.
- * My hope is that this teaching on heaven this morning will allow each of us to walk away with a renewed passion for holy living, a renewed passion for our purpose and our progress, and a renewed passion for people.

INSTRUCTION

I. The Reality of Heaven

Heaven is a PREPARED Place (John 14:1-3)

Heaven is a PERFECT Place (Revelation 21:4)

Heaven is a PHYSICAL Place – an immensely huge place with plenty of room for lots of people! (Revelation 21:15-16)

II. Strengthening Your H.Q. (H _____ Q _____)

Hope is not "wishful thinking", but a S _____ and C _____ Expectation grounded in God (Ps. 28:6-7)

Hope and the Return of Christ (Titus 2:11-14)

Three aspects of biblical hope:

Biblical Hope is D _____.

Biblical Hope C _____ our P _____ in 3 Ways.

Biblical Hope Brings B _____.

J _____ and P _____ (Romans 15:13); P _____ (Ps. 33:18); C _____ (Ps. 31:24); C _____ in Death (1 Thess. 4:13-14) and S _____ for Service (1 Timothy 4:10)

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| 1) How we see ourselves
2) What we value
3) What we do with our lives |
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The Source of Hope and Its Fruit (1 Peter 1:3-5, Mt. 6:19-21)

III. The Impact of Heaven on Followers of Christ

A Passion for P _____ H _____ (2 Peter 3:14, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Thess. 3:12-13, 1 John 3:2-3)

A Passion for our P _____ and our P _____ (2 Peter 3:17-18)

A Passion for P _____

INTROSPECTION

- * What's your H.Q.? What do you need to do this week to strengthen it?
- * What are you passionate about? Does it align with the things that Jesus is passionate about?
- * Are you as heavenly-minded as you need to be in order to maximize your effectiveness in God's service?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think... and therefore act?