

CCC Message Notes

Heaven - Making Its Reality Our Passion & Prize

Revelation 21:1-4, Hebrews 11:13-16 & Philippians 3:20

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

If we're Christians, heaven should be our passion & prize.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Be sure to keep valuing heaven as you should knowing not to do so is a very dangerous thing because of the reality of hell.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

"Heaven is my passion and prize, the goal on which I firmly fix my eyes; reward of the faithful, desire of the wise, heaven is my passion and prize." Those are the words to the chorus of the song that becomes to the springboard to this morning's message. They certainly make sense if heaven's what the Bible says it is :-) ... to not value it is evidence of at best a lack of understanding / at worst a deception that could result in eternal regret.

I've often heard people say something along the lines of "he's so heavenly minded he's no earthly good." The problem with that is it fails to acknowledge until someone actually is heavenly minded they cannot be any earthly good as it pertains to the reality of what's ahead after this earthly life is over. As we make heaven our passion & prize it becomes its own witness as we live released from the lesser things attached to a limited life bound only to earth.

The Importance of Heaven Being Our Passion & Prize

1. It's WHERE we'll BE FOREVER.

The promise of heaven for every believer qualifies whatever may happen on earth.

Philippians 3:20 / Revelation 21:1-4

2. It WEANS & RELEASES us from THIS WORLD.

Passionately prizing & desiring heaven is a purifying & productive pursuit.

2 Peter 3:8-17 (especially v13)

3. It REMINDS US it's HEAVEN or HELL.

Everyone's eternal destiny is heaven with God or hell without Him.

Matthew 5:29-30 & 25:31-46 / Hebrews 11:13-16

Making It Real Questions

- * Since this is the truth, how will you live differently in the light of it?
- * In what ways & from what things do you still need to be weaned & released?
- * How does knowing the importance of this stir you to a heavenly passion?

Action Step

Memorize the chorus of this song.