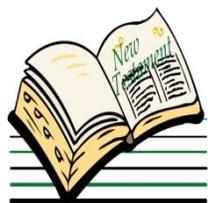


Sermon Notes



Title: "Heaven Is the Redeemed Stranger's Real Home"

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 21:1-8

Theme: Heaven is the place where the presence of God is known and manifested. Our real home is where God is. Right now our home is not fully realized on this earth, but the day will come when we will perfectly see and enjoy the dwelling of God in our midst.

I. _____ **Itself Is an Inheritance - 1 Peter 1:4**

II. **The New _____ Is a
_____ of Heaven and Earth - Revelation 21:1-8**

III. **Some Basic Conclusions About Heaven**

A. Heaven is where God _____.

B. Heaven is a _____, not a
_____ of _____.

C. Heaven via the New Jerusalem is _____
_____ with Earth.

D. Heaven is the _____ of the
righteous.

IV. **Some Thoughts on Life in Heaven**

V. **Some Applications to Make Right Now**

A. Heaven is a tremendous _____ for
_____ and _____.

B. Heaven should _____ us to store up
_____ there rather than primarily on
_____.

C. The real _____ in heaven is the Lord Jesus
Christ whom we will _____ and
_____ with forever.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What does Peter say is reserved for you, the believer and follower of Christ (1 Peter 1:4)?
2. How does Peter describe this blessing (1 Peter 1:4)?
3. Where is this blessing (1 Peter 1:4)?
4. Who receives this blessing (1 Peter 1:5a)?
5. When will this take place (1 Peter 1:5b)?
6. What passes away (Revelation 21:1)?
7. What comes down from heaven? To what does John compare this (Revelation 21:2)?
8. When this happens, what will be the result (Revelation 21:3)?
9. What will the LORD God do when this happens (Revelation 21:4)?
10. Who will enjoy this (Revelation 21:6-7)?
11. When do you tend to think about heaven?
12. How do you typically view heaven? Do you see it is a place that contains rich and wonderful *things* for you to enjoy? Do you contemplate it as the result or the fullness of blessings you have in Christ? Do you see it as both?
13. What does it mean that God “dwells” in heaven?
14. Most Christians think of heaven as a place far away where you go when you die? What is correct about this viewpoint? What is deficient in this viewpoint?
15. How do you know that heaven is a real place and not just a concept or a state of mind?
16. What do you think your abilities and limitations might be in heaven? Should we think about such things? Why or why not?
17. How do you suppose your relationships with others might be similar to and different from the way they are now on earth?
18. In what ways does heaven impact your life right now?
19. Is it possible to be so focused on heaven that you lose sight of the importance of life on earth?
20. If you had to explain to someone how to get to heaven using only the passages in 1 Peter 1:3-5 and Revelation 21:1-8, how would you make this clear?