

HEAVEN OUR REAL HOME

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER



BIBLE

Col 3:1-4 and Rev 21:1-7

Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word.
Read Colossians 3:14 and Revelation 21:1-7

LISTEN

SERMON BY PETER

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REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

1. SET YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE.

- In Colossians 3:1-4 we are told to set our hearts on things above and to set our minds on things above. Do we do this? How can we each day intentionally turn our hearts and minds away from earthly things and think of heaven?
- Christ who is our life – what are the enormous implications of this statement?
- For further study – the Bible has so many verses about this for example – Psalm 39:4; 1 Cor 2:9; Phil 1:21 & 23b, Phil 3:20; 2 Cor 4:17
- How will thinking of things above – affect our lives on earth today?

2. THREE AMAZING TRUTHS ABOUT HEAVEN

A. HEAVEN – WE WILL BE WITH JESUS OUR KING.

- Rev 21:3 tells us that we Jesus will dwell with us. What are the implications of being in the immediate presence of the King?
- Jesus asked his Father in John 17:24 that he would be able to show us his glory. What is the glory of God? (See also Col 1:27)

Why is this such an amazing privilege for us? How will we react when we see his glory? (compare Isaiah 6:1-5 and Acts 6:55)

- Can we imagine the privilege and joy of being with Jesus? How does this influence us to live on earth as we wait for this occasion?

B. HEAVEN – WE WILL ENJOY PERFECT COMMUNITY

- God's redeemed people in perfect peace and joy is described in Rev 21:3-4. "No tears, no death, no mourning, crying or pain." How should the anticipation of this affect us today?
- During the pandemic we often feel lonely and all of us have some regrets and strains in relationships. What strategy can we adopt in this sinful world to demonstrate that we are citizens of heaven?
- What kind of community is described in Rev 7:9-10?

C. HEAVEN – OUR SALVATION WILL BE COMPLETE

- We enjoy our salvation today but in what sense will it be complete when we are in heaven? See 1 Peter 1:5
- What tarnishes our enjoyment of salvation today?
- Describe some of the things we will enjoy when the full force of our salvation will be realised?
- Read Rev 21:1-8 and thank the Lord for every benefit of being with the Lord.

ONE MORE QUESTION – WHO QUALIFIES TO ENTER HEAVEN?

- What did Jesus remind his disciples is the REAL CAUSE FOR REJOICING for his disciples In Luke 10:20?
- Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life? Rev 21:27
- How is this a great incentive to pray for and witness to those who are not believers?

PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAISE AND PLEADING

Use Revelation 21:1-7 to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.