

Mt. Lebanon Church – Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Homecoming

What should we think of when we speak of homecoming. As believers, we should think of it as the fulfillment of Gods redemptive plan of salvation, a restoration, an end to a journey that is built upon faith, a journey of faith that provides purpose and hope to our life, a life that has been filled with the challenges of living in a world full of sin. So we could say that it is the souls return to God, a joyous, permanent reunion with God the Father, and Christ the Son, presented unto us by the Holy Spirit which indwells within us, into a place of perfect peace, where there will be no more tears, no more death, no more pain, no sickness or sorrow, to a state of fellowship with those who have gone on before. Now, the only requirement to attend this heavenly reunion is to turn from sin and to trust in Christ for our eternal life. This means that when we accept Gods saving grace through our faith in Christ, we have already begun to experience our eternal homecoming, for our salvation is a transformation that leads us into the fullness of Christ. Therefore, as we live our life in Christ, with heaven as our eternal destination, then our priorities change and we no longer cling to the temporary satisfactions of this life, for we know that we are destined for a far greater reward, a heavenly citizenship, and the hope of our calling provides us with the sense of security that we can live our life here on earth with one foot already in eternity, ready to leave behind us the trials and triumphs of this life, to a much grandeur dwelling place. When we begin to understand this, we can welcome the approach of that day, without worldly fear, and with the anticipation of a promised reunion in the arms of God.

So, let me give you three things to think about in anticipation of our homecoming with the Lord.

The promise of home.

John 14: 1 – 6,....let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me....in my Fathers house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you....if I go....I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that were I am, there ye may be also....Jesus saith....I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me....

Christ departure from this earth was not final but only a temporary separation, but it was a necessary part of Gods plan to provide hope for the future of all who would believe. Even though this promise speaks of an heavenly home where believers will live and reign with God forever, it was a promise of the establishment of the church, which is the body of Christ, that came through his death and resurrection that guarantees our position in Christ, allowing the believer to experience Gods presence while living here upon the earth. Therefore, it is Christ resurrected body that represents a new dwelling place for the believers, in him. The promise of home provides comfort and hope of our eternal communion with God with whom Christ is the source, for he is the only way to the Father.

The reality of Home.

1 Peter 1: 3 – 5,....blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled....that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you....who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time....

So, what is the reality of our eternal home. It is certainly not something that we wish for, but it is a secure, eternal inheritance kept in heaven for all who will believe, one that provides unto us joy and endurance through the sufferings of our life here on earth, assuring us as believers of our salvation, which is the reality of our eternal life with God. Therefore, the reality of our eternal home is our declaration of thankfulness unto God, where we acknowledge our unique relationship with him through Christ Jesus, which signifies our new life in him, a life that is not based upon earthly possibilities, but a life that is based upon the eternal realities of Gods divine mercy and grace.

The way home.

2 Corinthians 5: 1 – 2, 8 – 9,....for we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens....for in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven....we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord....wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him....

The way home is simple, we just follow after the commandments and promises of Gods word where obedience is the key. But first we must understand that as believers we are more than just our physical bodies, because our physical bodies have limitations, but remember that the destruction of our physical bodies is not the end of our existence, for one day our soul and spirit will be housed in a new, eternal, immortal body, a building of God. This eternal home is a gift from God and is the eternal nature of our life to come in heaven with him. Therefore, through Gods word, we are encouraged not to lose hope because of the inevitable pain and suffering that we continue to experience in these mortal bodies, because we have received from God, a promise that comes unto us through the indwelling Holy Spirit, a promise of an absolute assurance of our heavenly destination secured by the righteousness of Christ, that is what homecoming means to me.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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