

Heavenly Minded

There is nothing wrong with knowing how blessed we will be in Heaven and especially in the new Earth. However, the perspective that the gospel gives us changes our present life as well. It changes how we understand the life we live everyday precisely because we know that Heaven is on the way.

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 5:1-11

I. The first truth we remember as we face each day as those who are living for Christ is that there is _____ life waiting. The promise is sure - if this earthly tent is torn down then we have a building made by _____ that cannot be!

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. 55 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

✓ Face the normal, everyday life we experience (including death) from a rock-solid understanding of the _____ of God.

II. The second truth we remember as we face each day as those who are living for Christ is that God is _____ us for that life. God is not a disinterested _____ of our life. He is _____ preparing us for very clear purposes.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

✓ Let God remind you through the Holy Spirit that He is preparing you for ministry _____ and for the eternal _____.

III. The third truth we remember as we face each day as those who are living for Christ is that our greatest struggles is not the big test, it is living for Jesus in the _____. After all this talk about Heaven and eternity, Paul is still _____ on living *this life* in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:18-21 ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

✓ Let the reality of _____ grow so large in your heart that you live by its heart now. Remember this - When God talks about His promises, those promises are always given to change our understanding of our _____.

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