



Christmas, But for Eternity!

Date: December 17th, 2023

Text: Revelation 21:9-21

Passage Summary: As we consider the glorious hope of heaven that awaits the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, we come to see that indeed, God will make _____ things _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that what's new in the eternal life in heaven to come _____ around a fully _____ relationship with God! (21:9-21)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to a fully restored relationship with God, it will involve an entirely new...

- _____: God is creating a new heaven and a new earth through which we will live _____ with Him, including a glorious city that we will call home! (v.9-21)

See that this glorious city that lies at the heart of heaven will...

Be _____ as a radiant _____! (v.9-11)

"Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God."

Revelation 21:9-10

_____ by a majestic _____! (v.12-14, 17-21a)

"It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel."

Revelation 21:12

Take the _____ of a geographical _____! (v.15-16)

"He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long."

Revelation 21:16

Be _____ of pure _____! (v.18, 21b)

"The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass...The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass."

Revelation 21:18, 21

Remember: It really can be a Christmas to remember when we dare to imagine what eternal life in heaven will be like; a glorious new home of priceless worth, profound symbolism and unending joy awaits all those who have _____ the _____ of salvation through Christ!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that for you personally this will be a Christmas to remember; not because of any gifts you may or may not receive under the tree this year, but because you dared to take your place alongside those in the hall of faith who were looking _____ in _____ to "the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." (Hebrews 11:10)

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him—"

1 Corinthians 2:9

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next."

C.S. Lewis

"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."

Hebrews 11:13-16