



I Can Only Imagine!

Date: December 10th, 2023

Text: Revelation 21:4-8

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 _____!

"It used to be that the hereafter was virtually palpable, but American religion now seems almost allergic to imagining it. Is paradise lost? In a curious way, heaven is AWOL."

Time Magazine, March 14th, 1997

180 Degree Truth #1: See that what's new in the eternal life in heaven to come _____ around a fully _____ relationship with God! (21:4-8)

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

- _____: There will _____ be any death, mourning, crying or pain! (v.4-8)

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'"

Revelation 21:4-5

"My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?' These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng."

Psalms 42:3-4

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."

Psalms 42:5, 11

"Where have you laid him?" he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

Jesus wept."

John 11:34-35

Remember: It really can be a Christmas to remember when we dare to imagine what eternal life in heaven will be like; there is a _____ line to all of the hurt, pain and suffering in our world, and a God who will be waiting there for us when it comes to _____ every tear from our eyes!

"...Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."

Psalms 30:5

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 5:10-11

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 made the decision not to miss _____ for the _____, daring to imagine through the words of the apostle Paul what it will be like when he wrote...

"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

*"Surrounded by your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in your presence
To my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine"*

Mercy Me, I Can Only Imagine