

The Hope of Heaven

MESSAGE NOTES

Is Heaven My Default Destination?

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“Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!’” – Luke 2:9-11

“...He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.” – Ecclesiastes 3:11

SIX MYTHS TO DEBUNK ABOUT MY ETERNAL DESTINATION

1. THE MYTH OF _____.

“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.” – Proverbs 14:12

2. THE MYTH OF _____.

*“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”
– Ephesians 2:8-9*

3. THE MYTH OF _____.

(Jesus) “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.’” – Matthew 25:41

4. THE MYTH OF _____.

“And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment.” – Hebrews 9:27

5. THE MYTH OF _____.

“...No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” – 1 Corinthians 2:9

6. THE MYTH OF _____.

(Jesus) *"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it."* – Matthew 7:13-14

"I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life." – 1 John 5:13

HOW TO MAKE HEAVEN MY ETERNAL DESTINATION

- **A _____ I NEED A SAVIOR TO GET TO HEAVEN.**

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." – Romans 3:23

- **B _____ JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE SO I CAN GO TO HEAVEN.**

(Jesus) *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* – John 3:16

- **C _____ MYSELF COMPLETELY TO JESUS THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN.**

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." – Romans 10:9

- **D _____ ON GOD'S PROMISE OF HEAVEN.**

(Jesus) *"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."* – John 11:25

Memory Verse:

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance – an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay." – 1 Peter 1:3-4

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize 1 Peter 1:3-4.
- ☐ Secure my eternity in heaven by becoming a follower of Jesus for the first time.
- ☐ Learn more about volunteering to serve in GC Kids (Children's Ministry).
- ☐ Pray about who I can invite to Christmas Eve @ FBC on Wednesday, December 24 (6:00-6:45pm).

* Join us again next Sunday, December 14, at 11:00am, as we continue our new teaching series, *The Hope of Heaven*, with the message, "What Will Heaven Really Be Like?" Consider who you might invite to attend with you.



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