

“For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.” Heb 13:14 NLT

One of the foundational parts of our faith and salvation is Heaven! Heaven is not something we hope for one day, but rather a real place and destination for every disciple of Jesus. In the scriptures you always see much celebration and rejoicing in and through extreme hardship that liberated their minds and hearts from the burdens and hurts of the world.

To live as Christ, we too must learn to Long for heaven and unlearn valuing worldly things that tie our hopes up into the world.

- You would think just to have the opportunity to be redeemed reborn forgiven in Christ is enough, but when you look at vs. 4- There is so much more to our salvation than just being forgiven.
- In vs. 3-5 What Else does God give us in addition to his great Mercy and new birth?
- What does that mean to have inheritance in heaven that can never parish?
- Once the faithful enter eternity what will this mean?
- How often do you think about and or get excited about your inheritance in Heaven? If not....why not?
- What do you get excited about? No right or wrong...but earthly things can parish, spoil, and fade.
- In Vs. 6-8 How does Peter say we should respond to This Eternal Reality? (Greatly rejoice, love him, believe in him, filled with inexpressible & glorious joy.)
- What keeps you from maintaining this mindset daily? What may have made it easier for them to?
- Vs. 6-7 – How could not viewing our suffering as God refining us and preparing us for Eternity effect our joy in this life? (this is massive as this is a core Christian belief!) Christ embraced suffering for God’s glory & our salvation. Imagine the impact if we all shared that mindset.
- How would life be different if we truly celebrated our inevitable Heavenly residence? (It is like having to go to work everyday knowing you are already set for life financially! We are there to learn, give, and help others have the same mindset)

The mental and emotional freedom and joy we can have when we care more about our lives in heaven than we do about our lives on earth is hard to grasp! But as Christians we are called to long for him, find joy in his kingdom and his ways, our destination and the inheritance he has provided. To be an official part of God’s family Wow.