



I'll Be Home Because of Christmas!

Date: December 3rd, 2023

Text: Revelation 21:1-3

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! (21:1-3)

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

- _____: The _____ of God will once again be with the humanity He has created and now redeemed! (v.1-3)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.'"

Revelation 21:3

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

Philippians 3:20-21

"But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'"

Matthew 1:20-21

Remember: It really can be a Christmas to remember when we dare to imagine what eternal life in heaven will be like; the _____ that was lost in the garden is the _____ that will be regained in the new heaven and the new earth to come!

"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."

1 Corinthians 15:19

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

C.S. Lewis

"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Colossians 1:27

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 live life with the faith filled conviction, "I'll be home _____ of _____!"

*What kind of King would come so small
From glory to a humble stall?
That dirty manger is my heart too
I'll make it a royal throne for You
Manger Throne, Third Day*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

John 3:16