One Step into Eternity – Week 3 Glory

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WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT_____ DETERMINES _____YOU LIVE_____.

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him — 1 Corinthians 2:9

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that <u>I am going there to prepare a place</u> for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, <u>I will come</u> back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I <u>am</u>. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:1-6

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! <u>God's dwelling place is now among the people</u>, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and <u>God himself will</u> <u>be with them and be their God</u>. ⁴ '<u>He will wipe every tear from</u> <u>their eyes</u>. There will be <u>no more death</u>' or <u>mourning</u> or <u>crying</u> or <u>pain</u>, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "<u>I am making everything new</u>!" … ⁷ "Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and <u>I will be their</u> <u>God and they will be my children</u>."

Revelation 21:1-5, 7

THREE MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN

1) Heaven will be_

- We will know one another, love, and be loved. (1 Cor 13:12-13)
- \cdot Heaven will be a place of unimaginable <u>beauty</u>. (Rev 21:15-21)
- \cdot In heaven, you will see Jesus <u>face</u> to <u>face</u>. (1 John 3:2)
- · You will have new and perfect bodies. (Isaiah 35:5-6)
- Heaven is the absence of everything <u>bad</u>, painful, and evil. It's the presence of everything <u>good</u>, holy, and glorious. (Isaiah 65:17-25, Revelation 21:21-27)

2) This world is your _____.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18

3) Most people are ______to Heaven anyway. For <u>all have sinned</u> and <u>fall short of the glory of God</u>, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <u>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement</u>, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. Romans 3:23-24

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ... ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! <u>He gives us the victory through our</u> <u>Lord Jesus Christ</u>. ⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, <u>stand firm</u>. <u>Let nothing move you</u>. Always give yourselves <u>fully to</u> <u>the work of the Lord</u>, because you know that <u>your labor in the</u> <u>Lord is not in vain</u>. 1 Corinthians 15:55, 57-58

For the Week Ahead

Describe what you hope to experience when you first enter heaven.

Read Philippians 3:19-20. What do you think it looks like to live believing your citizenship is in heaven?

What actions will you take in response to this message series?