

Sermon Notes

July 02, 2017 -- 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Ask The Pastor Anything: Journey To The Afterlife?

1. Should we as Christians upon our impending death be cremated or embalmed? Should we have caskets, funerals or cremation, according to Scripture?
2. If a grandma was married four times, which husband is she with in heaven?
3. If Christians spend eternity in heaven with God, what happens to the other souls who are good people??

God Loves Everyone

MONDAY – John 3:16-18

Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus, a Jewish teacher who needs to understand how following the law will no longer be the measuring stick for reaching heaven.

- Who does God love? What does God not want to happen to people?
- Notice that Jesus does not come to condemn the world, but people will be condemned if they don't believe in what? How does this impact you today?

God Wants None to Perish

TUESDAY – 2 Peter 3:8-11

Peter writes to Christians to confirm their salvation and that Jesus will return one day, which he refers to as “The day of the Lord.”

- In verse 9, what two attributes of God do you find and what is God's desire when it comes to people
- Peter says what about the day of the Lord? It seems as if we who are waiting should always be prepared for we know not when Jesus will come back.

Living Life Expectantly

WEDNESDAY – Psalm 103:15-18

The Psalmist reminds us of some great attributes of God (*read the whole psalm if you have time*) and reminds people who they are.

- What are mortals compared to? Is this not a great analogy to the human life?
- How long is the Lord's love? How do people remain in the Lord's love? It's important to remember we are not perfect and God knows this. What God desires is a life that is willing to follow Him.

Marriage in Heaven?

THURSDAY – Luke 20:27-38

Jesus is tested by religious leaders with a question to entrap him into saying something that is blasphemous. Jesus answers simply and correctly.

- The gift of marriage, according to Jesus is for what timeframe?
- Jesus also reminds them in the last few verses what? Life will be forever.

The Tents We Have Now

FRIDAY – 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Paul writes to remind Christians about our old and new bodies.

- In the two verses, what is Paul comparing? How do you feel about a new body?
- God has deposited in a believers life? For what purpose?

Living by Faith and Not by Sight

SATURDAY – 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

As Paul reminds Christians of the impending changes to our bodies, he then completes his thoughts with these words about getting to heaven.

- What do you see as Paul's chief desire in verse 6-8? Why?
- How does references to the Judgment seat impact you? It's clear faith or belief is the most important attribute, but how we act also is important too.