

Sermon Text Discussion 7/31/2016

“Heaven is Coming” by Jim Strietelmeier

Titus 3:12-13, Ephesians 2:1-10, II Peter 1:16-21, II Peter 3:1-10, Revelation 21:1-8; Revelation 22

Overview

Life can be busy and difficult. We should all be looking forward to and preparing ourselves for Heaven, but until God calls us, we are to be busy.

1. We should be devoted to good works.
2. We can be certain that Heaven is coming.
3. Our good work can be used to call others to repentance.
4. If we are in the love of God, we should be striving to live holy lives.
5. We should strive to bring others to Christ.

Understanding & Application

- 1) Paul tells Titus and those in the church of Ephesus to be ‘devoted to good works’. The scriptures tell us to care for orphans, widows, the hungry and thirsty, the stranger in our land, the sick, and those in prison. Who are in those categories today? What would it look like to care for them? What can we practically do to fulfill this command?
- 2) In addition to Peter’s eyewitness of Jesus’ majesty and His promises, we have something even ‘more certain’ that Heaven is coming. What is it? How does it give us confidence of Christ’s return? (II Peter 1:16-21)
- 3) Jim asked the questions, “So why are we still here? Why hasn’t Jesus returned?” How would you answer that question? (2 Peter 3:1-9)
- 4) If we are ‘in the love of God’ we should be living holy lives. What does it mean this mean to you? What behaviors would indicate one is living in the love of God?
- 5) What ‘words are trustworthy and true’? (Revelation 21:5, Revelation 22:6)
- 6) Heaven is coming! In the meantime, we are to be busy; busy on the right things. What are some practical ways you and your small group can take to be busy on the right things?