

ENCOURAGEMENTS ON THE ROAD TO HEAVEN

INTRODUCTION

1. Our home is there.

John 14:2 “In my Father’s house are many mansions”

2. Our names are there.

Luke 10:20 “Rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

3. Our life is there.

Col. 3:1-3 “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

4. Our heart is there.

Matt. 6:21 “... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

5. Our inheritance is there.

1 Pet. 1:3-5 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.”

6. Our citizenship is there.

Phil. 3:20 “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly await the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

I. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO TEACH. WE MUST CONSTANTLY ENCOURAGE OTHERS.

A. Acts 2:40 “And with many other words He exhorted them, saying “save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

B. Acts 14:22 “exhorted them to continue in the faith.”

C. Acts 20:31 “Therefore watch and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

Verse 32 says: “And now, brethren, I commend you to ‘God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified)’

D. 2 Cor. 5:11, 20 “Know, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; ... Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us, we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

E. 2 Cor. 6:1 “We then, as workers together with Him, also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.”

F. Col. 1:23 “... continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not move away from the hope of the Gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.”

G. 1 Tim. 6:12 “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

H. Heb. 3:13 “But exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘today’, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

I. Heb. 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching.”

J. Heb. 12:1-2 “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race which is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

K. 2 Pet 3:10-11 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?”

L. Jude 20-23 “But you beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction, but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.”