

STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS

CHRISTIAN HOPE THAT HAPPILY ANTICIPATES HEAVEN

OBJECTIVES:

1. To foster a _____ of heaven.
2. To motivate us to _____ for heaven's sake.
3. To overcome _____ that dampen our joy for heaven.
4. To offer hope that _____ may be saved.
5. To warn of the _____ possibility of eternal _____.

MYTH: _____

REALITY: _____

HOW TO OVERCOME A HEAVEN-CAN-WAIT ATTITUDE

1. Identify why _____
2. Discover that _____
3. Think and talk _____
4. Take seriously _____

"We desperately need to recover the moral motivation that *only* heaven can provide."

~ Jerry Walls

Answers: happy anticipation, live holy, myths, ever sinner, real, hell, Heaven is not so great that it cannot wait, Heaven is so great that we can eagerly await, you act like heaven can wait, heaven is worth eagerly awaiting, truthfully about heaven, God's willingness to save all sinners.

Review the sermon at fbhchurch.com.

BIBLE STUDY

1. Read the whole letter of First Peter. Take note of the themes of hope and holiness.
 - a. Read 1 Peter 1:1-12. What is the basis of Christian hope?
 - b. Read 1 Peter 1:13-25. On what are Christians to set their hope?
 - c. Read 1 Peter 2:1-12. How are believers and unbelievers described?
 - d. Read 1 Peter 2:13-3:22. Why did Jesus die?
 - e. Read 1 Peter 4:1-19. What is a Christian attitude toward suffering?
 - f. Read 1 Peter 5:1-14. What instructions does Peter give?

All human exertion is directed toward this one purpose,
that we may remain in life. ~ St. Gregory of Nyssa

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2. What are some common reasons people have a heaven-can-wait attitude?

3. How do people overcome homesickness? What parallels are there with how people believe heaven can wait?

4. How often do you think about heaven? What most causes heaven to come to your mind?

5. What questions do you have about heaven and hell? You may send them to pastorfry@fbhchurch.com.

