

Homeland Faith

Sunday Morning, November 17, 2013

Thesis:

(Colossians 3:2)

Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth.

Introduction:

Last Week:

Veteran of Faith

Hebrews 11: 1 - 7

This Week:

Homeland Faith

Hebrews 11: 13 - 16

Please Stand for the reading of the Word:

(Hebrews 11: 13-16)

13 These all died in faith without having received the promises, but they saw them from a distance, greeted them, & confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth.

14 Now those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

15 If they were thinking about where they came from, they would have had an opportunity to return.

16 But they now desire a better place—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

I. Have Faith and Receive the Promise

(Hebrews 11: 13 – 16) - See Above

II. Have Faith and Focus on the Promise of Our New Homeland and Our New Citizenship **(Philippians 3: 7 – 21)**

7 But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ.

8 More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of Him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them filth, so that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith.

10 My goal is to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.

12 Not that I have already reached the goal or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead,

14 I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

15 Therefore, all who are mature should think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you.

16 In any case, we should live up to whatever truth we have attained.

17 Join in imitating me, brothers, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.

18 For I have often told you, and now say again with tears, that many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

19 Their end is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame. They are focused on earthly things,

20 but our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

21 He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subject everything to Himself.

What Are Your Priorities?

The World? Or The Promise of God?

Don't Live Carelessly! And Don't Be Perfectionists!

Instead...Live As Citizens of Your New Homeland, Heaven!

III. Have Faith and Know That You Will Be Where He Is!

(John 14: 1 – 3)

1 “Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.

2 In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you.

3 If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.

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Conclusion:

Are Your Priorities Based on Your Citizenship?

Do You Know How To Get Where Jesus Is?