

Completion of the Journey 2 Peter 1:1-11

Introduction

How we live our lives for Christ in this life will determine how much of heaven we experience in the life to come. All believers will not enter heaven the same way; some will enter richly and abundantly others will enter poorly. For this reasons some will have a sense of shamefulness upon entering heaven.

The way that we enter we will based on our spiritual usefulness here on earth. (2 Peter 1:8) Will we be the servant who took the talents God gave and multiplied them or will we bury what God has given, giving no priority to being rich in good works? (Matthew 25:14-30) In order to complete our journey, and enter heaven triumphantly we must prioritize the eternal over the temporal by actively pursuing spiritual growth. The triumphant completion of our journey will be marked by our decisions to believe and live in light of eternity.

As believers we all have been given equal opportunity to enter heaven victoriously. At the judgment seat of Christ rewards will be assigned based on how we used what we were given while on earth. Revelations 22:12 says Look, I am a coming soon! My reward is with me and, I will give to each person according to what they have done."

The triumphant completion of this journey has to do with what you prioritize here on earth. Choose to focus on that which is good by prioritizing, spiritual growth, the eternal over the temporal and being rich in good works. 1 Timothy 6:18 says they are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. Start where you are now and maximize your entrance into heaven, take hold of what is truly life! Regardless of age or stage, if you are breathing it is not too late to be rich in good works. Make your eternity apriority and prepare for a victorious entry into heaven.

Getting Started

1. Do rewards, temporal and/or eternal motivate you? Why or why not?
2. Practically what does being rich in good works mean? How can you prioritize being rich in good works?

Let's Get Personal

1. How are you using what God has given you for spiritual usefulness? Share one specific example with your group.
2. What has God given you that you are not using for spiritual usefulness? What adjustment do you need to make in this area?
3. Based on what you have learned, if you died today what kind of heavenly entrance would you have?

Take the Next Step

1. Have you been able to see any change in your life since applying the principles that have been taught during this series? If so, share a specific example with your group members. If you have not yet seen any change share with your group how they can be praying for you.
2. Now that this series has ended, how to plan to continually remind yourself to keep spiritual growth as a priority? What kind of accountability can you put in place?
3. Want to dig deeper? Read and reflect on Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Mark 10:28-30, 1 John 2:28, 2 Timothy 2:12, 1 Corinthians 15:58 and James 2:13

Renew Your Mind

"2 Peter 1:11" For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
