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Scripture: Colossians 3:1

TITLE: Is Heaven That Great?

Where are some of your favorite places on this earth? I love Florida. I love the beaches. I love the fresh seafood. I love the warm weather in the winter and the refreshing ocean in the summer. The plants are tropical. And if you go to the middle, there are incredible theme parks that will entertain you for hours...not to mention leave you broke.

If you're like me, you put a lot of value in this world. To be honest, I put too much emphasis on it. Our focus should be elsewhere. Well, where should we be looking? If this world isn't so great, what could be better?

Paul has the answers in Colossians 3:1 (NLT).

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand.”

The apostle Paul has been making a case for the supremacy of Christ and the freedom He brings. Religion is a futile endeavor. Legalism is a lie. Christ is truth. Christ provides true freedom and peace with God.

So Christ, through His own death, burial, and resurrection, we get rescued from the domain of darkness to a new life with Christ. Therefore, we are to fix our eyes on the realities of Heaven where Christ is.

You see, when we focus on Heaven, we are focusing on Christ – our Savior and King. When we focus on the King, the rest of life falls into place. This world doesn't seem so great. Our problems don't seem so big.

We are citizens of Heaven on a mission while here on earth. But our home and our hope lie in Christ. We need to be more heavenly-minded. No more pain, no more guilt, no more tears, no more death, and no more pain. Just joy with our King and with each other.

Author and friend of our ministry, Dr. Clay Jones said this about longing for Heaven:

“I look forward to banquets where we will enjoy the equivalent of premium wines and prime meats and doing this with all of you. I look forward to inheriting a new heaven and a new earth. I look forward to inheriting these things with you, and I look forward to reigning with Jesus and accomplishing things that won't rust or decay and will never be undone.”

Friend, I long for all that and being with all of you for eternity.

Our minds are too focused on the realities of Heaven. So here's my challenge for you today: fix your eyes on Heaven. What is it about this world that seems more compelling than a future with Christ? What is it about your friends and family that seem far better than eternity together?

Once you know the answers, ask God to help you develop that desire and focus on the realities of Heaven. Heaven will be paradise forever. My prayer is we long for it, and we focus on it each and every day.