

*the
Thrill
of
Hope*
MESSAGE NOTES

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1. The Gospel is inherently "forward leaning"

1 Corinthians 15:19

You're missing the "thrill of hope" when you think of Heaven as a "parting gift" rather than as the prize itself

"Hope means a continual looking forward to the eternal world . . . It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next . . . It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this [one]. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither."
Mere Christianity, **C. S. Lewis**

2. The people in your world will notice your hope when you live in light of it

1 Peter 3:15

You may not be being persecuted for your faith in Jesus but people will see your hope for Heaven when they watch the way that you suffer and how you deal with pain

Trinity Core Value:

Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus

3. Christmas is about God arriving into our world; Jesus' return is about us being brought into His

2 Peter 3:13

Revelation 19:11-16

Revelation 19:6-9

Revelation 21:1-7

Revelation 21:22-27

You can wait well, wait patiently because what God has in store for you is so totally going to be worth it!

Now What?

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