

Sermon: How to Get to Heaven

Text: II Peter 1:3-11 ESV

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Introduction: People who will go to heaven are expected because they enjoyed God's company and the fellowship of other believers while they lived here on earth. They came to faith in God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They were baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and received a down payment of the Holy Spirit while they lived among us.

I. God Has Made _____ for His People (vv. 3-4).

- A. God calls us to live _____ lives (v. 3).
- B. God makes _____ to us (v. 4).
- C. God provides _____ from this evil world (v. 4).

II. God Encourages _____ by His People (vv. 5-10).

- A. to live a _____ life (vv. 5-7).
- B. to live a _____ life (v. 8).
- C. to not live a _____ (short-sighted) life (v. 9).
- D. to live a _____ life (v. 10).

III. God Has Made _____ to His People (v.11).

- A. to _____ us into heaven.
- B. our stay will be _____.

Conclusion: I hope you both know and love Jesus, today, and you want to live your life in such a way as to provide a godly example to others through your obedience. God, the Father, wants you to take the journey with His Bride, the Church, and come home.

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Greeting

1 Simeon[a] Peter, a servant[b] and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Confirm Your Calling and Election

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to[c] his own glory and excellence,[d] 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue,[e] and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities[f] are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers,[g] be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 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.

Footnotes:

[a] 2 Peter 1:1 Some manuscripts Simon

[b] 2 Peter 1:1 Greek word doulos,

[c] 2 Peter 1:3 Or by

[d] 2 Peter 1:3 Or virtue

[e] 2 Peter 1:5 Or excellence; twice in this verse

[f] 2 Peter 1:8 Greek these things; also verses 9, 10, 12

[g] 2 Peter 1:10 the plural Greek word adelphoi (translated "brothers") may refer either to brothers or to brothers and sisters