

The Hope of Heaven - Revelation 21:1-5 Why We Believe #1

I. Why I Believe in Heaven:

- A. The First Law of Thermodynamics: energy and matter can be transformed but not destroyed.
- B. The Desire for Justice (Psalm 73)
- C. The Homesickness of the Heart (Eccl. 3:11)
- D. The Resurrection of Christ (John 11:25-26, Rev. 1:18, John 14:2,19)
- E. The Teaching of the Old Testament: (Psalm 23:6, 49:15, 73:24, Eccl. 12:7)
- F. The Words of Jesus (Luke 20:38, Luke 23:43)

II. What will Heaven Be Like:

- A. Heaven is God's Dwelling Place. (Psalm 33:13)
- B. Heaven is a place of full reconciliation with God. (Rev. 21:3, Psalm 16:11 Psalm 27:4)
- C. Heaven is a place where the horrible effects of sin will be no more. (Rev 21:4)
- D. Heaven is a place where we can rest in the sure promises of God. (Rev 21:5-6)
- E. Heaven is a place where we will serve the Lord. (Rev. 7:15)
- F. Heaven is the fulfillment of everything this earth lacks. (Revelation 21)

III. Hold Fast to the Hope of Heaven: (Hebrews 6:19-20)

A. Five Ways to Hold Fast the Hope of Heaven:

- Meditate on the Word of God and the surety of your hope in Him.
- Pray earnestly that God would to the certainty of His Hope.
- Consider how Christ suffered for your Hope.
- Consider Christians before you who have seized this hope.
- Encourage one another to hold fast to this hope.

B. Take Hold of Christ as He has taken hold of you. (Philippians 3:12)