Series: "END GAME" Part 4: "FINALLY HOME" Crossroads Community Church December 6, 2020

Heaven Defined:

- The most basic sense:
 - Heaven is seen as the place where God ______
 - See: Matthew 6:9; 7:21; 16:17; 18:10; 18:19

Immediate Heaven:

• The place where God's people dwell with Him following ______ while awaiting their ______ resurrection

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord......⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:6 & 8 (NIV)

¹ Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:1-5 (NIV)

• See: Isaiah 65:17-19; 66:22-23; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Matthew 25:34

- Eternal Heaven:
 - The ______ and _____ where God will dwell with His people in unhindered and unimaginable joy
 - The ultimate end of the Gospel is ______ that we will go to Heaven, but that Heaven will ______ to us!

What can believers expect in the new heavens and new earth?

1. Renewed _______with extraordinary ______

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. Romans 8:19-21 (NIV)

- See: Revelation 21:9-27; Revelation 22:1-5
- 2. _____activity in resurrection _____

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (NIV)

²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, Philippians 3:21a (NLT)

 See: Romans 8:23-24; 1 Corinthians 15:12-58; John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; John 11:23-24; Acts 24:15 3. Unhindered ______ with ____

Sermon Notes:

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them.... Revelation 21:3 (NASB)

³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:3-4 (NIV)

¹¹ You will make known to me the way of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. Psalm 16:11 (NASB)

4. The restoration of ______

¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on Ephesians 1:10 (NLT) earth.

The promise of the new heavens and new earth should produce:

1. A commitment to

a. In our _____

b. With our _____

2. _____ amidst _____

3. A question of ______we will spend _____

²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:27 (NIV)