



LOOKING UP WHEN LIFE IS A LETDOWN



Set your minds on things that are above... Colossians 3:2

## Looking Up from Here to There

Revelation 7:9-12

**Can** you remember the first time you ever thought about dying, or death, or what happens after death?

**My** guess is that there was probably a time in your young life when you thought about death, dying, or what happens after.

**The** Good News is we can look up for all we need from life **Here** (the life that is now and on earth) to life **There** (what happens after death).

According to the Bible, death and the afterlife isn't something we have to fear, just something we must face. Here's a truth I want you to hold on as we work our way through this message this morning:

**You will *face* death, but you don't have to *fear* death!**

Today, I want to look at four truths that demand our attention about death and the afterlife.

**1) You are **HERE** but will one day be **THERE**.**

“It is destined for people to die once, and after this *comes* judgment.”

Hebrews 9:27, NASB 2020

This simply says we all will die (don't read into it too much)!

There are varying views of where “there” is...

**2) You will spend more time **THERE** than **HERE**.**

Wherever “there” is, you'll be there a lot longer!

### **3) THERE is either unimaginably better than or unimaginably worse than HERE** (Verses 9-10).

Obviously, this is a glimpse of an unimaginably better place.

What makes this unimaginably better:

- 1) People are one - no racism, class or caste differences.
- 2) Jesus, the Lamb, is there in the fullness of His glory.
- 3) There is utmost purity/goodness there, no sin (white robes).
- 4) Zeal for God will surpass in length and greatness anything here on earth.

The unimaginably worse picture is the opposite of these good things!

### **4) HERE is where you decide about THERE.**

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not

believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. John 3:17-18

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*Our text this morning ends by looking up to God; to Him Who can take you from here to there! Believers, remember/rejoice in this hope. **Pray to share this hope with someone this week.** Those yet to believe: Reflect and respond to this most important message you'll ever hear. What are you waiting for? You can receive Christ today, become a son/daughter of God and share in our baptismal service this summer!*