

Going To Heaven

By Ron Boatwright

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Our soul is the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today's materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. Our Lord says in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Every day we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in Colossians 3:2 "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." We should regularly think about going to Heaven.

Heaven is a prepared place (John 14:2-3) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence. We must finish the race.



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WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	Home Bible study-7:00pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.
Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Begin Again Forever*

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Scripture: Isaiah 48:12-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: We will resume this Tuesday, September 12th. Come with ideas for study! 10am**
- **Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm.**
- **Next Potluck: NEXT WEEK! September 17th. Bountiful Harvest theme!**



- ✓ **NEW CHURCH BUILDING!** We have been offered a chance to rent the property at 701 S. Wilbur for the amount we are currently paying (\$700/mo.) until we can come up with the money to buy it. We plan to send out letters seeking donations from individuals and churches in an attempt to secure the entire purchase price of \$100,000 plus funds to install a baptistry (and yes, that is spelled correctly!). We all need to [pray](#) that we are doing the right thing with this effort.



- ✓ If you would like to be involved in helping the people affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, wildfires raging out west or the terrible earthquake that killed hundreds in Mexico last week, contact **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc.** info@disasterreliefeffort.org

Send donations to 410 Allied Drive, PO Box 111180,
Nashville, TN 37222-1180

PRAYERS...

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Vicki Joice, in OK, has finished with chemo treatments. She will soon start radiation treatments and continues to have problems with lymph edema. Pray that she feels well as she begins the new teaching year.
- Pray for Lori Kashorek, that her lung cancer stays contained and there will be no more spreading.
- Emily Barry is planning thyroid surgery in November. She also needs an MRI as further examination concerning her irregular mammogram.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas in prayer.
- Darlene is dealing with a few digestive problems and an achey throat. Pray that she feels better soon and is able to keep up with her music engagements as well as with her teaching job and hairdressing business.
- Kevan Barry is in Kuwait. Pray for his safety as he flies missions over there supporting the people of Syria and Iraq in their fight against ISIS, and for his family as they carry on at home.
- Kelly asked for prayer for her friend Sarah with her marriage.
- Continue to pray for the work in Tunkhannock.
- Pray for the people of Texas who are recovering from Harvey, and the people of Florida and other Gulf Coast states who will be impacted by Irma.
- Pray for the people in western states of California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and others where fires are burning.
- Pray for success in teaching Bible truths to the contacts gathered through the door knocking campaign.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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