

St. Paul's Notes

EXTREME FAITH

Why Do We Live By Faith?

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Hebrews 11:13-16

Everything in this sermon is about heaven.

“Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.” Hebrews 10:32-34

Heaven is better than anything we have on earth.

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I. We Live By A Different _____

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.” v. 13

Christians are aliens and strangers on earth.

II. We Die With A Different _____

“People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country —a heavenly one” vs. 14-16a

“Our people die well.” John Wesley

III. We Look For A Different _____

“Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them” v. 16

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24