

# WHAT HEAVEN IS REALLY ALL ABOUT

**Date:** September 19, 2021

**Key Text:** Mark 12:28-30

## **1. Our greatest problem is our separation from God.**

Romans 5:12 ... *"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—"*

## **2. Our greatest need is to restore our relationship with God.**

Romans 6:23 ... *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

## **3. Our greatest hope is to live with God.**

Revelation 21:3–4 ... *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.""*

# Memory Verse for 2021

“that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

**Philippians 3:11–14**

## Scripture to Pray

**Psalm 100:1–4 ...**

*"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"*

## From the Resources

“The Bible doesn’t give us a god at the top of a moral ladder saying, ‘If you try hard to summon up your strength and live right, you can make it up!’ Instead, the Bible repeatedly shows us weak people who don’t deserve God’s grace, don’t seek it, and don’t appreciate it even after they have received it. If that is the great Biblical story arc into which every individual scriptural narrative fits, then what do we learn from this story.”

**Counterfeit Gods**

- Timothy Keller