

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

May 23, 2021

Heavenly Minded

Our minds dwell on the things that are important to us. Sure, we can dart quickly from one thought to another, but the things that are truly important to us keep popping up in our thoughts. How often does Heaven come to your mind? Well, your answer tells you how important Heaven is to you. Chances are you (*like me*) need to give a lot more thought about Heaven.

Even though it's been over 10 years, I remember the first time I made a mission trip to Costa Rica. I was only going to be there for five days, but before I went, I spent a considerable amount of time learning about the country. I talked to people who had been there. I searched the internet. I prayed. *What kind of food do they eat? On which side of the road do they drive? How do they feel about Americans? What is the climate? What will I need to do to prepare for the trip? How receptive will they be to the gospel?* There was much I wanted to know about Costa Rica before I actually got there. My mind was filled with it.

You and I are planning to spend a whole lot more “*time*” in Heaven than I did in Costa Rica. What do we know about heaven? How much do we think about it? Are we truly “*heavenly minded?*”

God wants Heaven to be of utmost importance to us. “*Set your hearts on things above where Christ is seated ... set your minds on things above, not on earthly things*” (Colossians 3:1-2). “*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*” (Matthew 6:19-21).

Don't you pity the person who is so consumed by the concerns of this world that he has no time to think about God or eternity? He is so focused on making money that he is not rich toward God. His physical health is so important to him that he has no time to spend in staying healthy spiritually. He is so busy with life that he makes no preparations for death. God makes it clear: “*Do not love the world, or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him*” (1 John 2:15). You cannot love the world and be heavenly minded at the same time. You just can't (Matthew 6:24).

Let this be a gentle reminder to examine the things you think about. If your mind is not “*set on things above*,” where is it set? If you are not laying up treasures in heaven, where are you storing them? If you are not seeking the kingdom of God first, what is first? If thoughts of heaven are not filling your mind, what is? When was the last time you thought of heaven on your own?

— Joe Chesser

Finish the Quote : “Life is too ...”

How did you finish the phrase? Most would complete the saying to say: “Life is too short.” But the problem with that statement is that it is often used to justify living a life of sin. The logic claims: Life is too short, so go ahead and take illicit drugs, have an affair, steal from the company, deceive to advantage yourself, or (insert various sins here).

But as Christians, we should complete the saying to prevent us from sinning. May I suggest: “Life is too long.” Heaven is too wonderful and eternal life is too long to miss out on it by living a life of sin. Everyone will exist forever. We have a choice as to where we will live - in heaven or hell. Maybe remembering that “Life is too long” will help us to avoid temptations better.

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation...And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (John 5:28-29; Matt. 25:46)

— Edd Sterchi

"There are three states of existence.

The lowest state is what you own.

The next higher state is what you do.

The highest state is what you are."

--Richard Russell, *Dow Theory of Letters*

Marriage Improvement Seminar

May 28th and 29th

Clinton Church of Christ.
5450 Evans R. , Clinton Illinois

"You're song My Song"

Keeping the music in your marriage.

(*For details pick up a card from the back table*)

Reading : **Revelation 21:1 – 22:7**

NEXT WEEK : (May 30, 2021)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : J.J.

Table & Announcements : Greg

**If you can't help worrying, remember
that worry can't help you either.**

Words are best kept sweet and soft
because someday you may have to eat them

Prayer List :

Wayne : There were some nasty side effects which are still to some extent an issue, but generally my procedure went well. We'll be able to gauge its success within two more weeks.

Doris Faulkner : Word is that Sis. Doris is not doing at all well.

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother continues to grow weaker.

Mike Nickles : Bro. Mike is nursing a severe tooth ache, but the swelling in his face has been reduced by antibiotics.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Mary, Doris, Delores, Betty, Pete & Hazel, Susan, Wayne, Mary & Fay Julius, Ron & Doris Bartanen

Others with ongoing issues :

Madonna Nichols : Madonna continues to receive chemo every other week to treat her liver cancer.

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and ongoing back issues

Jerry Rankin : Jerry has multiple serious ongoing issues.

Tim Gaddis : Recovering from a stroke at the Rehab facility

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues.

Debbie Adams : Lengthy recovery from severe car accident

Mary Julius : (*sister-in-law of Ron*) Recovering from stroke

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother is growing steadily weaker.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,**

always include our congregation and her elders

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Ya'll Come !

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

