Looking, Longing and Living for Heaven A PLACE CALLED HEAVEN – PART #4 Pastor Kevin Cummings – January 26, 2020

II Peter 3:1-18

I. We should today to heaven.					
A. Scripture should us. (v. 1)					
B. Scripture should us. (v. 2)					
II. We should we will be in heaver	l .				
A. Scoffers should (v. 3-6)					
1. They are to be expected. (II Timothy 3:1-5; Jude 1:18)				
2. They are to be challenged. (Ephesians 4:15)					
3. They are to be answered. (I Peter 3:15-16)					
• We can answer from history.					
• We can answer from scripture.					
• We can answer from the character of God.					
• We can answer from the promise of Christ. (Matthew 24:43-44; Luke 12:39-40; John 14:1-3)					
B. Scoffers should (v. 7-9)					
1. Because they remind us of the coming judgment. (Romans 14:12; II Corinthians 5:10; I John 4:17; Revelation 20:11-15)					
2. Because they remind us of the Lord's promise.					

"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." I Timothy 2:3-4

III. We should	we will be heaven one day.				
	in him, so that when he appears, we before him at his coming." I John 2:28				
A. People should not	because of us. (v. 10-14)				
1. God's patience gi	ives us the opportunity to work.				
2. God's patience gi the future.	ives us the opportunity to understand				
• Jesus will retu	rrn. (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)				
1.) The Day of the Lord will be unexpected.					
2.) The Day of the Lord will be catastrophic.					
3.) The Day	of the Lord should inspire Holy living				
	ate a new heaven and a new earth. 7; Revelation 21:1-4)				
B. Satan should not	us: (v. 15-18)				
1. From sharing Chi	rist with others.				
2. From the Scriptur	res.				
3. From spiritual gro	owth.				
ACTION POINTS:) Do you	you will be in heaven one day?				
~	ednesday Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm en to pastorkevin@fincastlebaptist.org				

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I. We should <u>look beyond</u> today to heaven.

- A. Scripture should stimulate us. (v. 1)
- B. Scripture should remind us. (v. 2)

II. We should <u>long for the day</u> we will be in heaven.

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III. We should <u>live today like</u> we will be heaven one day.

"And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears, we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming." I John 2:28

- A. People should not miss heaven because of us. (v. 10-14)
 - 1. God's patience gives us the opportunity to work.
 - 2. God's patience gives us the opportunity to understand the future.
 - Jesus will return. (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 - 1.) The Day of the Lord will be unexpected.
 - 2.) The Day of the Lord will be catastrophic.
 - 3.) The Day of the Lord should inspire Holy living
 - Jesus will create a new heaven and a new earth. (Isaiah 67:17; Revelation 21:1-4)
- B. Satan should not detour us: (v. 15-18)
 - 1. From sharing Christ with others.
 - 2. From the Scriptures.
 - 3. From spiritual growth.

ACTION POINTS:

- 1.) Do you know for sure you will be in heaven one day?
- 2.) Heaven should affect my life today.
- "Questions About Heaven" Wednesday Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm Email your questions about heaven to pastorkevin@fincastlebaptist.org