

“Focused on Getting to Heaven”

2 Cor. 11:22-28

Introduction

- I. If we are not careful, we can let the things of the world cause us to lose focus on what really matters.
- II. Many individuals will not get to go to Heaven because they got caught in “the snare of the devil” (2 Tim. 2:26).
- III. Let us look to Paul as an example of “keeping first things first”.

Discussion

- I. Paul understood that his citizenship is in Heaven (Phil. 3:20-21; 2 Cor. 5:1-10).
 - A. Christians are similar to Abraham in that we are strangers and sojourners (Heb. 11:8-10).
 - B. Peter understood that we must not lose the war for the soul (1 Pet. 2:11).
- II. Paul understood that better things awaited him (Phil. 1:21-23).
 - A. The things that Christians have to endure are just “small” contrasted with the grandeur of Heaven (2 Cor. 4:16-18; Rom. 8:18).
 - B. Near the end of his life, Paul was not clinging to worldly things, but rather Heavenly things (2 Tim. 4:6-8).
- III. Paul understood the faithfulness of God (2 Tim. 1:12).
 - A. God keeps His Word (Num. 23:19; Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18; cf. Deut. 7:9; 1 Cor. 1:9).
 - B. Jesus had already affirmed the certainty of Heaven for His faithful ones (John 14:1-3).
 - C. There is no reason to doubt God's assurance of Heaven (Heb. 6:11-20).

Conclusion

- I. Paul is a great example of how to live a faithful life as a Christian.
- II. We can learn from his example of how to keep our focus on getting to Heaven.