

Sequim Community Church
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The Fourth Week of Advent - December 20, 2020
CHRISTMAS FOREVER
John 1:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

A. The first Christmas was about Christ's Kingdom lasting forever.

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought life to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. — John 1:4-5

"And He will reign over Israel forever; His Kingdom will never end." — Luke 1:33

B. It is what He promised and why He came.

"For God loved the world so much that He gave His One and only Son, so that everyone

who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." — John 3:16

I. WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE TO BE WITH GOD FOREVER (ETERNITY, HEAVEN)?

A. There are 134 references to heaven in the Bible.

B. How does the Bible describe heaven?

- It is a real, glorious place. (Revelation 21:18-25)
- It is a place without pain and sorrow. (Revelation 21:4)
- We will be immortal like the angels. (Luke 20:36)
- We will be completely in the presence of God. (Revelation 21:3)
- Our faithful service in His name will be celebrated and rewarded. (Matthew 25:21)

II. ETERNITY: GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE.

A. Christmas is about an infinite God who became a finite human being.

"For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus for He will save His people from their sins." — Matthew 1:21

B. ***But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn — not with physical rebirth — but a [spiritual] birth that comes from God.*** — John 1:12-13

C. Belief is: Faith, Trust and Action.

D. ***"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven...think about the things of heaven..."*** — Colossians 3:1-2

- Heaven comes to mind in our pain and our pleasures.

E. ***For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, 'Anyone who trusts in Him will never be disgraced...For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*** — Romans 10:9-13

CONCLUSION: