

A Great and Glorious Day

Text: Revelation 1:3-8

Introduction:

1. Some great day we will realize the promises that our hope and faith is based upon.
 - a. It will be a great and glorious day for the Christians
 - b. It will be a day that this world and all of its heartaches will end – **2 Peter 3:10**
 - c. It will be a day that the Lord Jesus Christ will deliver up His kingdom to the Father – **1 Corinthians 15:24**
2. Some great day the books are going to be opened on each and every one of our lives.
3. Some great day, *if* we have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ and *have remained* faithful until the end, Jesus will say to us come into a place prepared for you ‘*life eternal*’ – **Matthew 25:34, 46b**
4. It is a great and glorious day that each and every one of us as Christians looks forward to.
5. It is a great and glorious day that our faith and hope is based upon and will be realized.
6. This morning’s message is a message for *hope, encouragement and comfort*.

I. The Hope of a Great and Glorious Day

A. A hope that is not without evidences

1. From God’s Word (*the Bible*) – **Colossians 1:5, 23**
2. From the historical events throughout antiquity
3. From archaeological finds to support our faith of the truth.
4. To, the cosmos that displays the handiwork of God – **Psalm 8:3, 19:1**
5. To, all things that have been created – **Romans 1:20**

B. A hope that springs eternal within the soul

C. A hope of a better tomorrow

1. A eternal body built by God -- **2 Corinthians 5:1**
2. Seeking for a better city -- **Hebrews 13:14**

D. A hope that is based upon the promises of our mighty God and our Savior Jesus Christ

1. A place that is prepared by our Lord and Savior -- **John 14:1-3**
2. With patience we await for hope to be realized -- **Romans 8:24, 25**
3. As promised from God -- **1 John 2:25**

II. The Hope of a Great and Glorious Day That Gives Us Encouragement

A. From the encouraging words of Jesus Christ – **Matthew 11:28**

1. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ we shall be raised at that last day – **1 Corinthians 6:14**
2. Because we know that we have Someone in whom we can talk to in prayer and that He does answer our prayers – **Matthew 6:6; James 5:16**
3. Because we know that He is by our side at all times – **John 10:29; Acts 17:27**

B. From the encouraging words of fellow Christians

1. Words that encourage to keep going and pressing forward (*As Paul*)
– **Philippians 3:14**
2. Words that help us in times of discouragement
3. Words that help us get through rough times

III. The Hope of a Great and Glorious Day That Gives Us Comfort

A. **Comfort** from the Father of comfort – **2 Corinthians 1:3**

B. **Comforting** words from our Savior

1. A peace within – **John 14:27; Romans 15:13**
 - a) A peace that passes all understanding – **Philippians 4:7**
 - b) As part of the fruit of the Spirit – **Galatians 5:22, 23**
2. With the Name of God ... sitting with Christ on His throne --
Revelation 3:12, 21

C. **Comforting** words from the Scriptures

1. A new immortal body for eternity .. no more death -- **1 Corinthians 15:40-57**
2. No more pain, no more tears... -- **Revelation 21:4-6**

Conclusion:

1. As we look forward to that great and glorious day we have a great hope some great encouragement and comfort that will help us through this journey here on earth.
 - a. With all of its pain and troubles that surround us daily.
 - b. With all of temptations that are put before us daily.
 - c. With all of the uncertainties of this world that we live in.
2. Because, we have a new eternal world that we can look forward to with our Creator.
3. Yes, there is a life beyond the grave for the Christian that is indescribable and beautiful beyond imagination where all things are new.
4. We can look forward to this with great anticipation with the promises that God has given to us through His Word.
5. And, our great thanks are to God for sending His Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins that this would all be possible.
6. The question is: *'Are you ready for that great and glorious day?'*