You Will Go To Heaven (1st John 5:13)

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INTRODUCTION

- I don't want you to think you're saved if you're lost. I don't want you to think you're lost if you're saved. And that's why I'm preaching this.
- I've written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God.
- Well, what do we mean by love God and love others? Well, of course, we must love by God's definition.

1 Set Your Heart to the Task

Ezra 7:10

- For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it and to teach his statutes and ordinances in Israel.
- That's really the call of the New Testament for us as His disciples, as Jesus' disciples as well.
- No one comes to the Lord who does not first set his or her heart to the task of knowing God's will.
- The problem why some don't have confidence and some shouldn't have confidence, is they've not set their heart to the task.
- We need to take the clutter away and focus our passion on God and the accomplishment of his work in our place in our time.

2 Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Matthew 5:3; Matthew 5:6

- Blessed are the poor in spirit. The person who does this, his is the kingdom of heaven.
- You get poor in spirit right, you're going to heaven. You maintain poor in spirit, you're there.
- If you get this right in your heart, all of that follows.
- It's all about the fact that you're not the center of the universe. God is.
- The correct posture of mind is essential to godliness.

3 Buried With Him in Baptism

Colossians 2:12–13

- There is this activity that has to be accomplished for our sins to be forgiven initially.
- Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were raised up with him. You're not going to heaven without that.
- Raised up with him through faith, our confidence in the working of God who raised him from the dead.
- In baptism, the world gets cut away from us. And we become the new circumcision.

- It is the culminating step of faith that places us in Christ.

4 Be All the More Diligent

2 Peter 1:10–11; 2 Peter 1:5

- We've got to keep working on that the rest of our lives.
- Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent. You're going to have to give this some effort.
- Well, that sounds like we can earn salvation. That's not what this passage is saying.
- You need to make certain about his calling and choosing you.
- Moral excellence, knowledge. Self-control. Perseverance, you've got to stay at it. Godliness, you need to have God at the center. Brotherly kindness. And love.
- You set yourself to this. And God's going to throw open the doors of heaven for you.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you been buried with him in baptism? Are you ready to start the trek that leads to glory? So you can confidently say, if I die today, I'm going to be with God, and it's going to be the greatest thing.

MY NOTES