**It is Finished – Col. 1:22**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ died to present believers perfectly holy to God**

What will heaven be like for the believer?

Did you know that God is at work in your life preparing you for heaven?

When Jesus comes again what will happen to believers?

**Observations:**

1. **All believers once lived in unholiness before salvation in Christ – 1:21**

*And although you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, engaged in evil deeds…*

1. Previously – life before salvation
2. Alienated life from God – estranged, no relationship with God
3. Hostility to God – hateful – hating the truth of God, rebellious
4. Engaging in evil before God – living in open sin in God’s presence
5. **All believers are reconciled to God & united to Christ through His death – 1:22**

*Yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death*

1. Col. 3:1 – if you have been raised with Christ keep seeking the things that are above
2. Col. 3:3 - For you have died and your life is hidden in Christ in God
3. **Christ at His coming will present all believers in complete holiness to God**

*in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach*

1. Jesus Christ death sanctifies & cleanses the church from all sinfulness

 Eph. 5:27 – that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having not

 spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she would be holy and blameless

1. Jesus Christ presents the church to God in all her holy glory at His return *in order to present you before Him* - Presented = to present, to show or reveal

Col. 3:4 – when Christ who is our life is revealed you also will be revealed with Him in glory

2 Thess. 1:10 – when He comes to be glorified among His saints on that day, & to be marveled at among all who have believed

1. Christ presents the church in perfect holiness – purity

Col. 3:12 – as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved…

Eph. 1:4 – He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love

1. Christ presents the church perfect without blameless – stainless

Jude 24 – now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy

1 Cor. 1:7 – as you await eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ

1. Christ presents the church perfect beyond reproach - uncondemnable – penalty free

Rom. 8:1 – there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Rom. 8:33 – who will bring charges against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies

Rom. 8:34 – who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us

Rom. 8:35 – who will separate us from the love of God in Christ?

**Things to be Remembered**

1. Believers glorify God on earth – God glorifies believers in heaven
2. Christ’s glory is revealed through a holy church in heaven
3. It is the believer’s glory to be made forever holy, blameless & uncondemnable before God
4. What a day of glory to Jesus Christ when the church is revealed in perfect holiness before God.

**Daily Use**

1. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ he will forgive your sins
2. Set your mind on heaven – Christ is seated but coming again!
3. Live knowing as a believer your life is already hidden in Christ

**Col.1:22 – Yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach**

The old hymn – when He shall come with trumpet sound Oh, may I then in Him be found dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand!