

Hearts On Fire

Do you have heart burn? I'm not talking about the kind you get after eating spicy food. I'm talking about the kind all Christians should have in their service to the Lord? The two on the way to Emmaus had hearts that burned after they talked with Jesus (Luke 24:32). Others later had let their fire go out (Matthew 24:12; Revelation 2:4; 3:16).

Is your fire going out? A sign that your fire may be going out is a reduced hunger for truth, reduced involvement in the Lord's work, or a reduced assembling with the saints. Is this you?

We all need fire in our hearts. Fire is needed to save souls, to remain vigilant for Jesus' return, to run the Christian race, to love our brethren, and to contend for the faith.

Do you need to rekindle the fire in your heart. Here are a few suggestions. Spend time with right words - the Bible, spend time with right people - faithful Christians, spend time with right actions - good works, spend time with right changes - repentance, spend time with right thoughts - pure, spend time with right goals - heaven, and spend time with right prayers - righteous.

Hearts on fire will accomplish much good for the Lord and will stir up others to do good as well. Let's get the heart burn back in our life! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- Sometimes when things don't go our way it's because we are on the wrong road.
- Saying the right thing is good; doing the right thing is even better.
- Many people are loyal to their family, but not loyal to the truth.
- The heart is not pure when the tongue is unclean.
- Why own something (like truth) that you are not willing to use?

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Heaven and Why I Want to Go There?

Let's talk about heaven for a little bit. Why talk about heaven? It is good to talk about heaven in times of trouble. Jesus talked about heaven on the night of his betrayal (John 14:1-3). It is good to talk about heaven in times of worldliness. Paul wrote about heaven to Christians who needed to keep their minds off the world around them (Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:1-3). It is good to talk about heaven in times of loss. Paul wrote about heaven to Christians who had lost their loved-ones to death (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

It is good to talk about heaven in times of death. Paul wrote to Timothy before his own death and encouraged Timothy to stay faithful (2 Timothy 4:6-8). It is good to talk about heaven in times of persecution. The writer of Hebrews wrote about heaven to Christians who were falling under the wait of persecution (Hebrews 13:14).

Consider Who Will Be There

Why should we all want to go to heaven? We should all want to go because of who will be there. God (Revelation 4:2), Jesus (Revelation 5:6; 22:1), and the Holy Spirit will be there (Revelation 1:4-5). The holy angels (Luke 15:7,10), the Old Testament

righteous will be there (Matthew 8:11; Heb. 11:40; 12:23). The New Testament righteous will be there (Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:3). All who truly love the Lord will be there (2 Timothy 4:8). All the little innocent children will be there (Matthew 19:13-14). All who were committed to Jesus will be there (Revelation 2:10; 6:9; 7:14; 14:12-13). What an awesome crowd to be with!



Consider Why We Will Be There

Why should we all want to go to heaven? We should want to go because of why we will be there. We will be in heaven to praise and serve God for all eternity (Revelation 14:1-5; 15:2-3; 22:3) and to be rewarded with rest for overcoming (1 Peter 1:4; Revelation 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21; 7:13-17; 14:12-13).

Consider What Will Be There

Why should we all want to go to heaven? We should all want to go to heaven because it is a place of beauty – paradise (Revelation 21:10; 22:14). We should want to go because it is a place of rest (Hebrews 4:11; Revelation 14:13), a place of joy and comfort: no sickness, sorrow, pain, or death (Revelation 21:4), a place of righteousness: no uncleanness (Revelation 20:11-15; 21:7-8,27; 22:14-15), and a place of eternity (Revelation 22:5,14).

Consider Why We Want to Go to Heaven

Why should we all want to go to heaven? We should all want to go to heaven because the only alternative is **HELL** (Matthew 7:13). We should all want to go because God wants me to go (2 Pet. 3:9), because loved-ones want me to go (Revelation 22:17), and because many who want to go will not make it (Matthew 7:21-23).

Can you rejoice that your name is written in heaven (Luke 10:20)? If we miss heaven, we miss all there is! Let's all obey the gospel and live faithfully each day so that we can go to heaven.

- Chris Reeves -