

Message Notes for December 6, 2020

Message Series: How do you be thankful even in a time of pandemic?

-I can always be thankful for the _____ God has prepared for me

When everything is ready, I will come and get you,
so that you will always be with me where I am. John 14:3 NLT

Have you ever thought about how long God has been preparing a place for you?

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. Matthew 25:34 NIV

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. I Corinthians 2:9 NLT

Relevant Question: As we approach Christmas...are you storing up treasures in heaven or spending it all on yourself now?

And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in his mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting him. It will be yours in that coming last day for all to see. So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here. I Peter 1:4-6 LIV

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't

give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 LIV

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our inner strength in the Lord is growing every day. These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever!

So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 LIV

I can always be thankful:

- For the grace God shows me
- For the plans God has for me
- No matter what happens in my life God has promised to never leave me
- For the changes God is making in me
- For the home God has prepared for me.