



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

I remember when my daughter was young she spent the night at a friend’s house. During the course of the night our phone rang and I heard the words, fighting through tears, “Dad, I really want to come home. Would you come and get me?”

People who have been away from home for an extended time state, “It’s so good be home!” We have seen faithful, godly men and women whose health has suffered speak: “I’m ready to go home!”

Home. There is something special about home. ***“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go and prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”*** (John 14:2-3) Home. Jesus has prepared our home for us. A place with Him.

“But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.” (Hebrews 11:16) Home. A place prepared that is a safe haven in the presence of God.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.” (II Corinthians 5:7-8) Home. A place desired to be free from the weak and hurtful things and be safe and secure. It is the best place to be because of Christ.

How many of us see the reality of home? Not the physical place that can be broken into or destroyed by some natural occurrence. This temporary place we call home has to be made secure to keep us safe. The true eternal home can never be touched by anything evil. It is secure in the presence of God and Jesus Christ. Are we more comfortable in this temporary place that’s filled with sin and death, decaying each and every day? Are we eagerly awaiting our home with Jesus? Do you ever pray, “*Come, Lord Jesus*” with the desire to want to go home? People speak how they want to be in heaven with the Lord but not right now, not at this moment. What does this reveal about our spiritual insight and desires?

Paul closes his letter to the Corinthians with the word, “*Maranatha.*” (I Corinthians 16:22) It means, “*O Lord come!*” What was on Paul’s mind? Maybe we need to re-examine what we are living for and where we have placed our priorities. What do you really believe about home? Think about it!!!

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