

KNOWING THIS...

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR _____

(Date)

JAMES 1:2-3 My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into different kinds of trials, 3] knowing this...

- Trials designed to break you...find your limit...
- Always in Scripture from the World or the devil
- They "Happen..." when we don't expect
- Hardly a greater "trial" than this you have experienced
- Find Joy...? Peace? Hope? Comfort? HOW?
- "Knowing this..."

ISAIAH 33:6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation...

- What we know from the Promises of God's Word
- A Strength / Fortress / Security in times of greatest Need

1THESS 4:13-18 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

14) For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

C.S. Lewis: "A Secret Signature"

"There have been times when I think we do not desire heaven; but more often I find myself wondering whether, in truth...we have ever desired anything else... This desire is THE SECRET SIGNATURE of each soul... All your life an unattainable ecstasy has hovered just beyond the grasp of our consciousness. The day is coming when you will wake to find, beyond all hope, that you have attained it..."

ECCL 3:11 "He (GOD) has placed Eternity in their hearts..."

1Thess 4:15 For we say this to you by the Word of the LORD, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the LORD shall not go before those who are asleep. 16) For the LORD Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of GOD. And the dead in CHRIST shall rise first.

17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air. And so we shall ever be with the LORD.

18) Therefore encourage one another with these words.

JOHN 14:2-3 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you... I go to prepare a place for you.

3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, so that where I am, you may be also.

- The end goal of JESUS' mission was not only to "die for us" but to prepare us to live in Heaven with Him—forever
- We are "saved" by faith in His death and resurrection, so that we can experience the reality of Eternal Life

GRAVESIDE:

EPH 2:4–7 But GOD, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us 5) (even when we were dead in sins) has made us alive together with CHRIST (by grace you are saved), 6) and has raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenlies in CHRIST JESUS,

7) so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through CHRIST JESUS.

D.L. Moody:

REV 21:1-8

REV 22:17 And the SPIRIT and the bride say, Come! And let the one hearing say, Come! And let the one who is thirsty come.

And he who is willing, let him take of the Water of Life freely.