

Seeing Beyond the Fog

(Philippians 3:13-14)

- Introduction:
1. Many people who began a quest for eternal life and a home with God in Heaven have gotten lost in the fog of life and have given up.
 2. So, how can we navigate this life to assure we reach our destination

I. Understand What Stands Between You and Heaven?

- A. Living in the day with no thought for tomorrow.
 1. We must make preparation and that preparation will help us prioritize the things we do.
 2. This world is not our home (Luke 12:13-21).
- B. Endurance.
 1. Heaven is not the reward of the swift, but of those who endure.
 2. Almost anything is easy to start, and nearly everything in life is hard to finish.
 3. (Revelation 2:10).
- C. Hardship.
 1. Living for Jesus has always been against the current.
 - a. In the early centuries, they died for it.
 - b. Today, we are castigated.
 2. (John 15:18).
 3. (2 Timothy 3:12).

II. How To See Through the Fog of Life

- A. Because life is not easy and the fog of hardship, disappointment, health issues, doubt, worry, and a host of other issues threaten to blind us, we need to talk and think more about Heaven.
- B. I'm not just talking about just from the pulpit, but in your own daily life.
 1. Fill your home with talk of heaven.
 2. Surround yourself with people who want to go to heaven.
- C. (Colossians 3:1-2).
- D. (Philippians 3:13-14).

- Conclusion:
1. Two months after Florence Chadwick failed to swim the 26 miles from Catalina Island to California, she tried again.
 2. And like the first swim, a heavy fog rolled, but this time she succeeded.
 3. The key to her success was that she said she kept a mental image of the shoreline in her mind while she swam.
 4. Friends, we need to saturate our minds with thoughts of heaven, and when we do, we can see through the fog of life and arrive at our destination.