

# appNOTES

## DAY 1

### READ 2 PETER 3:10-18

What we look forward to, we prepare for. We dress up for a first date (or you should). Did you notice that you rarely see anyone just winging a wedding? And we make sure the nursery is all set up for the new baby. The same is true in our spiritual lives. When we look forward to heaven, we live holy lives. But when we lose sight of heaven, we stop preparing for it. We invest ourselves in making this life a pale reflection of heaven (which never lives up to our hopes and never lasts). That's why Peter tells us to keep our eyes focused on eternity. Our every decision changes when we live with the end in mind. We choose character over comfort and others instead of ourselves. We live better lives now when we focus on heaven.

## DAY 2

### READ JOHN 17:1-5

What is eternal life? We know it's promised to those who believe in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior (John 3:16). We know that it lasts forever without end (John 6:51). We know that there will be no more tears, sorrow, or pain (Revelation 21:4). We will not be bored with lives full of unbroken celebration, joy, and responsibilities (Revelation 22:1-5). But eternal life is more than a promised destination or duration of time. Jesus gives us a special insight into the nature of eternal life in John 17:3 when He says, "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." The quantity of eternal life is forever. The quality of eternal life is a personal relationship with God. The Father is the focal point. The Spirit is central. Jesus is the jewel of heaven. God is what makes heaven so great!

## DAY 3

### READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

With hundreds of channels on TV, thousands of movies available for instant streaming, and millions of websites just a click away, we are used to getting what we want when we want it. With all this power at our fingertips we can get it into our heads that we are the bosses of our lives—that is, until we go to work, school, or get pulled over by a police officer! The thing is, we all have

authorities in our lives. In today's passage, Peter encourages us respond to others and the authorities in our lives in a way that makes them stop and say, "Wow! That's not how people usually respond. What's different about you?" Who can you surprise with a respectful response today?

## DAY READ 1 PETER 1:3-16

### 4

What thoughts fill your head when life gets hard? Do you imagine getting away to the beach? Do you dream of all your problems disappearing? Maybe you simply look forward to the next good thing you know is coming your way (sleep, the weekend, or lunch!). What we are doing is setting our hearts on hope. It's a future we anticipate with joy. When big problems hit your life, you need a big hope to see you through. Setting your hope on heaven fuels your faith and gives you what you need to turn a tough time into a triumphant season of personal growth. That's what Peter is writing about in today's passage. Heaven is a strong enough hope to grow you through your hardest trial!

## DAY READ REVELATION 22:1-5

### 5

Have you noticed that people in power always have individuals around them? These chosen few are called their entourage. The rule is simple: the closer you stand to the person in power, the more significant you are. You've seen it: people that fall from favor are no longer invited into the inner circle. During Jesus' time on earth, He brought people close that everyone else had pushed to the outside of society. The same will be true in heaven. The outsiders will sit at His feet. The undeserving will be serving with Him. The nobodies will have unlimited access to the only Somebody that really matters. You will have a favored spot in the presence of the King.

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