

Sermon Title: We Believe: Final State

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

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- 1. Prior to this weekend, had you heard the cake analogy before? How is it helpful to how we understand God, eternity, and more?
- 2. When you think of eternity, what comes to mind? What do you believe will occur?
- 3. How would you describe heaven and hell? What has influenced how you understand both?
- 4. Paul the apostle describes our bodies as a tent (2 Corinthians 5:1-5). What additional details does he provide?
- 5. When you think of your loved ones who have died and are waiting for you in heaven, what mental picture do you see? What comfort is it to you that the Bible gives us some information about the condition and whereabouts of those friends and family members?
- 6. When you imagine the judgment seat of Christ, what mental picture do you see? What has informed this perspective?
- 7. When Christians appear before the judgment seat of Christ, what will happen there (5:10)? How should that affect the way we live now?
- 8. When you think about the return of Christ or standing before Him, what are your greatest concerns, fears, or expectations?
- 9. If the Lord's return is near, does it make sense to sit passively while we wait? How would focusing on what is eternal affect your daily experience?
- 10. How does Paul describe "the times and seasons" (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) that Christians experienced? What do we have in common with them? Are there any distinctions?
- 11. "We are always of good courage...we make it our aim to please him" (2 Corinthians 5:6-9). This is a fitting verse to end this series. How can this be reflective of your life in the days to come? Let's pray these things over one another as time concludes.