



WELCOME TO MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH

Our vision is to be a bastion of truth in the Tehachapi Valley, California by *protecting* the administration of grace, *proclaiming* the good news of the Messiah's kingdom, and *practicing* truth in love. Our mission is holding forth the Word of life by providing a refuge for all people to grow spiritually in Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please fill out the **Welcome Home** card located in the row in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it goes by so that we can get to know you. If you're a member and need assistance with meals, transportation, home/hospital visits, or home-bound communion service, please fill out a **Care Ministry** card also located in the row in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon's Thanksgiving Meals: Items can be dropped off during office hours or in the box in the narthex before we pack meals on Mon, Nov. 23rd. Shopping for last minute items: 10 AM, Packing food bags: 11:30 AM.

O.C.C. - All packed boxes are due Sun, Nov. 22nd! Please include the \$9 for shipping the shoebox. You can also make a monetary donation to help with shoebox shipping. Contact Marilyn (661-822-5801) for questions.

Financial Peace University! This 9-lesson class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! Sign up for this class at <http://fpu.com/1124395>. Class starts Wed, Jan. 13th and will be led by David and Barbara Shaw. If there are circumstances preventing your participation, please let us know. We may be able to help you.

Team World Vision: Team MBC is raising money for children to have access to clean water. **To join/donate to the MBC team check out the link:** <https://www.teamworldvision.org/team/14569> Or you can write a check to Mountain Bible Church with World Vision in the memo. Group Runs start Nov. 21st at Starbucks!

Church Decorating: Sun, Nov. 22nd: please help get stuff out of the attic. Decorating Party: Mon, Nov. 23rd starting at 10 AM.

GIVING

Average needed each month is \$22,000. We received \$8,929.20 November. Text "73256" to give on your phone. For information about our programs go to mountainbiblechurch.org

November 15th, 2020
 Hope in Uncertainty: The Final Hope of the Rapture
 (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
 Message by Pastor Chris Frost

Question: If we are waiting for the return of Christ, what happens to our loved ones who die beforehand? When we die, what happens to our soul when our body is asleep with the Lord?

2 Cor. 4:16-5:10 and Phil. 1:21-25 are key passages explaining what happens to us the moment we die.

The intermediate state of heaven, as glorious as it is, is not our hope or even the ultimate source of our comfort.

Salvation entails, not only the intermediate states of "going to heaven" in a bodiless existence, but also being raised and receiving our glorified bodies for the new heaven and new earth.

Glorification (our hope): The full arrival of God's kingdom and will on earth (Matt. 6:10). It is the final stage of salvation when every believer's body will be resurrected at the second coming of Jesus, at which time his mediatorial kingdom ushers in God's eternal and glorious new heaven and new earth. Believers will be transformed into the image of Christ and will never again struggle with illness, sin, or death.

Transient Life on Earth	Intermediate Life in Heaven	Eternal Life in God's Kingdom (our hope)
Embodied existence with suffering and death (good)	Soul existence only (better)	Glorified body without suffering and death (best)
Absent from the Lord	Present with the Lord, absent from the body	Always with the Lord in complete humanity
Renewing inner person/ Decaying outer person contrast/Clothed	Inner person awaiting the kingdom of God/unclothed	A whole mature and perfected person in the kingdom of God/clothed with eternal body

What does the resurrection mean for Citizens of Tehachapi, California?

- Our _____ is to live forever with the Lord together in His Kingdom in glorified bodies.
- Pray Psalm _____.
- Support the _____ that bear witness to the "now, already" and "not, yet" of God's kingdom (1 Thess. 1:3, 8; 2:19; 3:12-13; 4:1, 11-12).
- Let your hope drive your _____ on earth now.