Destined for Glory 1 John 3: 2,3 Rev. John Anderson Bay Presbyterian Church March 7, 2015

Introduction:

My Knowledge of eternal life is small, The eye of faith is dim; But tis enough that Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him.

* "Glory" - being with Christ - has been the hope of every true follower of Almighty God

* Even the Old Testament saints: (Hebrews 11) longed for the ultimate encounter with God

I. We shall See Him as He is (We Shall Behold Him)

- John, the apostle, had a mild preoccupation with the appearing or return of Jesus Christ
- He realized that it was a special thing that he had been in on the first appearing of Christ
- John rather directly says that Jesus Christ is returning and we will one day see Him
 - In many ways comparing that to the resurrection and appearing to the disciples.
- Why is Christ returning?
 - o To finish His work with His creation
 - 1 John 3: 8 "The reason the son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."
 - What was the devil's work?
 - Facilitate mankind's fall into sin
 - o 1 John 3: 5 "He appeared so that He might take away our sins."
 - This is the principle work of the first advent
 - He assumed the presence of sin no different than his colleague, Paul
 - Dilemma man separated from God by sin man unable to fix it
 - There is good news Propitiation & substitution
 - God only forgives those who respond in faith and repentance
 - Believe the bad news
 - Believe the good news
 - Turn from sin
 - Turn from self
- When will Jesus appear?
 - We don't know!
 - Luke 12: 40 "You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."
 - There has always been speculation every generation thinks it is the worse off.
- How will it happen?
 - O Comes in glory with the angels with Him He is coming as a judge
 - O No one will be confused as to His intent and purposes
 - It will be UNMISTAKEABLE

Other Relevant Scripture Destined for Glory 1 John 3:2

1 John 3:2 - 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see him as He is.

Hebrews 11: 8-16- By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. 11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

1 John 1:1,2 - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us

1 John 2: 28 - And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

1 John 3:8 - The reason the Son of God appear was to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 3:5 - He appeared so that He might take away our sins.

Romans 3:20 - By good deeds shall no man be made right with God. [my paraphrase]

<u>Luke 12:40</u> – You also must be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

<u>Matthew 24:36</u> – But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, but the Father only.

<u>Matthew 25:31</u> – When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.