

## Sermon Notes

Series: Without Question, # 14

### Our Eternal Hope

#### What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to our Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Romans 14:7-8

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

#### What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever, in the new Heaven and the new Earth. We will be fully and forever freed from all sin, and will inhabit renewed resurrection bodies in the renewed, restored creation.

#### Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look, God's dwelling place is now among the people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

#### Prayer:

Christ our Hope, in life and death, we cast ourselves on your merciful, loving care. You love us because we are your own. We have no good apart from you, and we could ask for no greater gift

than to belong to you. We eagerly await the fullness of your kingdom. We long for every tear to be dried, we groan for the day when we no longer struggle against the flesh. Let the sure hope of eternal life give us courage to face the trials on this side of eternity.

Amen, come Lord Jesus!