

Daily Devotion For December 8, 2021

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have **eternal life.**” John 3:16

One of the great blessings, perhaps the greatest of all the blessings that we have in Christ is the **hope of heaven.** By the coming of Jesus, his life, his death, and his resurrection, those who have trusted in Christ are promised a place in **heaven** for all eternity.

Yesterday I spent time with Helen Nakano and her daughter Shari. This is a very difficult time for them as Helen’s daughter Susan suffered a massive heart attack and passed away on Saturday December 4th. In talking with them, we talked about the hope of heaven. That the bible says to be absent in body is to be present with the Lord. The moment that we received Christ, our names were written in the Lambs book of Life and God’s promise to us is that we will be with him forever.

Advent and Christmas are reminders that no matter what we may go through in this earthly life, that Christ came into the world to save us from our sins and offer us the **hope of heaven.** For the Nakano family this will be a sad Christmas for them, but they also know that they will see their loved ones again in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thought For Today: The greatest gift and blessing you can offer anyone this Christmas season and every day for that matter is the hope of heaven. To whom can you tell about the hope of heaven?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Please keep the Nakano family in your prayers as well as the families of other El Estero Church members who passed away in 2021. We remember the passing of Susie Marquez, Johnnie and Emiko Montoya, Yae Kuwatani, etc. Pray that they would know the hope of heaven. Deo Volente.